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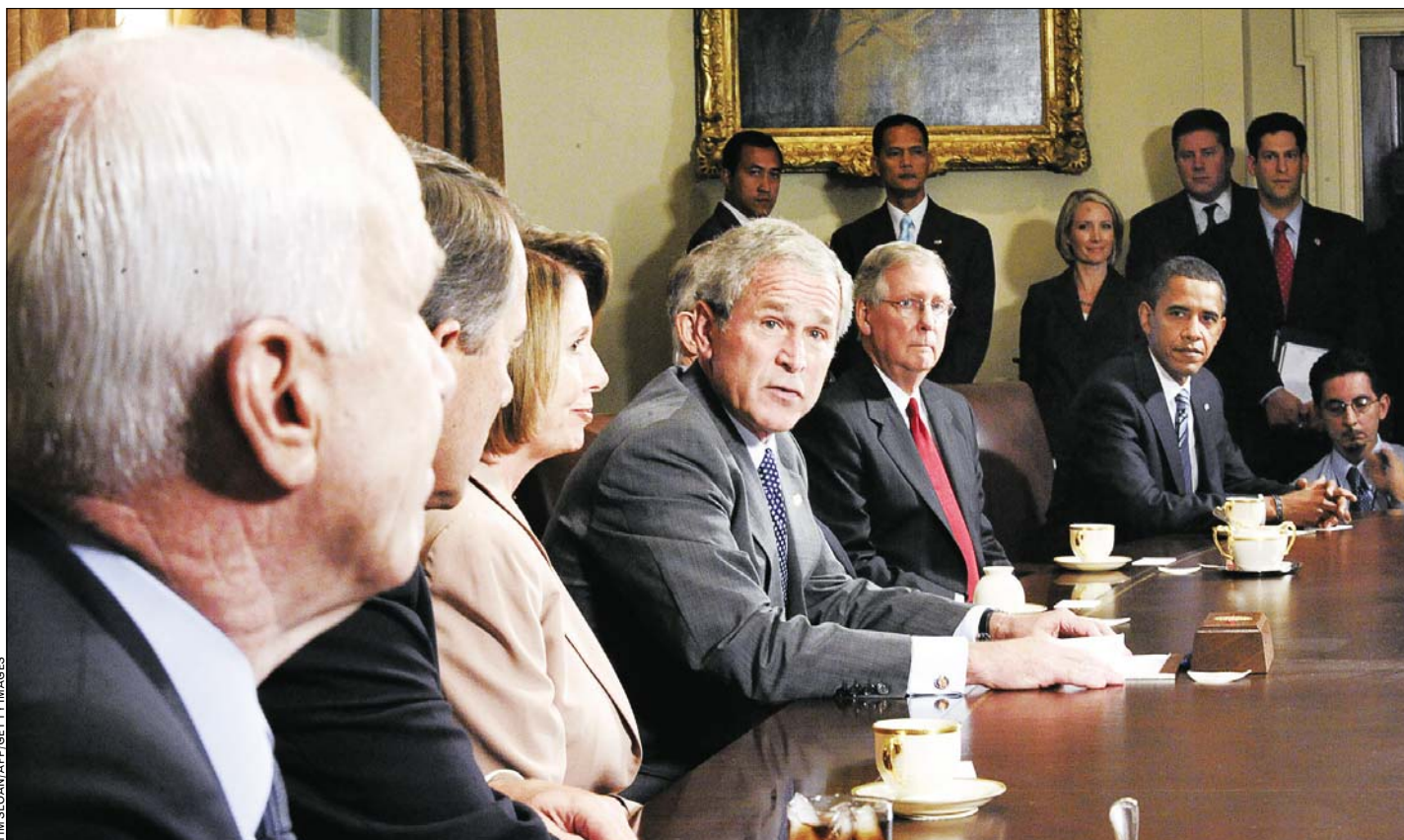


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**HIGH-STAKES NEGOTIATIONS:** President Bush hosted a historic meeting including Sen. John McCain, left, and Sen. Barack Obama, far right, on Thursday.

# Bailout on the Brink

**Announced deal in flux after historic White House meeting**

WASHINGTON | Key members of Congress claimed agreement Thursday on an outline and crucial details of an urgent multibillion-dollar plan to stave off national economic disaster, but a historic White House meeting with President Bush, the two men fighting to replace him and other congressional leaders broke up with conflicts in plain view.

After six days of intensive talks on the \$700 billion package urgently requested by the Bush administration, with Wall Street tottering and the presidential election nearing, there was more confusion than clarity.

A tentative accord in principle among influential Democratic and Republican lawmakers was announced at midday, giving the Bush administration just a fraction of the money it wanted up front, with half the \$700 billion total subject to a congressional veto, congressional aides said.

But conservatives were still in revolt, balking at the astonishing price tag of the proposal and the heavy hand of government that it would place on private mar-

kets. Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama, the top Republican on the Senate Banking Committee, emerged from the White House meeting to say the announced agreement "is obviously no agreement."

Both of Congress' Republican leaders, Rep. John Boehner and Sen. Mitch McConnell, also denied there was any deal. And the White House called the earlier announcement progress but also said it was reviewing the outline with more work needed to finalize a bill for Congress to rush into law.

JENNIFER LOVEN AND JULIE HIRSCHFELD DAVIS (AP)

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# eyeOpeners

## DRESSING FOR COMFORT

### At Least Half-Naked Lunch

A man who took his pants off before going out for doughnuts at a shop just north of New York City has pleaded guilty to public lewdness. John Greco admits he exposed his genitals in February while placing an order at a Dunkin' Donuts drive-through in Yorktown. Court Clerk Kathy Dickan says Greco will be sentenced Dec. 11. Police say Greco was tracked down because a doughnut shop worker noted the make of his car and his license plate number. Greco hasn't returned a telephone message left at his home. (AP)



## CRIME

### Battery With What? Or Dare We Ask?

A battery charge has been dropped against a West Virginia man who had been accused of passing gas and fanning it toward a South Charleston patrolman. The Kanawha County

prosecutor's office requested that the charge be dropped against 34-year-old Jose Cruz of Clarksburg. Mary Framp-ton, an assistant to Magistrate Jack Pauley, said Thursday the magistrate signed a motion to dismiss the charge. Cruz, who was arrested Tuesday, still faces driving under the influence and other charges. (AP)

## PARENTING

### Mikey, He Likes It!

A father who bought a beer for his 4-year-old son at the Fond du Lac, Wis., County Fair and shared it with the boy's

2-year-old sibling became belligerent when approached by police. A woman working at a beer tent last July told an officer she thought the man was joking when he asked for two beers — one for him and another for his 4-year-old son.

A police report said the man began yelling and swearing while talking to a police officer and was kicked off the fairgrounds. The Fond du Lac County district attorney requested that the man be cited for disorderly conduct. (AP)



DAVID GUTTENFELDER/AP

## FASHION

### Depend On Us

One after the other, the models strutted across the stage to '80s dance tunes, including "Relax," by Frankie Goes to Hollywood, all showing off designs of the same article of clothing — adult diapers. Japan has one of the world's most rapidly aging societies, and the fashion show in Tokyo Thursday proved the country's diaper producers are intent on keeping the elderly clean and dry. (AP)

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**BOMB-SNIFFING DOGS:** Employees at the Philadelphia Phillies' ballpark were evacuated on Wednesday after three mysterious objects caused a security scare. The police bomb squad detonated the objects, which turned out to be duct-taped hot dogs used in a promotion.

## Nation

## Status of Debate Is Uncertain

McCain may skip presidential event if bank deal isn't reached

WASHINGTON | Uncertainty surrounded the first presidential debate between John McCain and Barack Obama on Friday as Congress continued to seek an agreement with the Bush administration on a \$700 billion bailout of the financial industry.

McCain's campaign has said the Republican wouldn't participate in the debate unless there is a consensus. Obama still wants the face-off to go on, and the Democrat is slated to travel to the debate site in Mississippi on Friday.



McCain

Senior McCain adviser Mark Salter did not rule out attending the debate, saying: "We've got to see."

The debate over the debate is the latest campaign twist as McCain and Obama try to navigate the uncharted politics of the financial meltdown and show leadership at a time of national angst. The two met with President Bush and bipartisan congressional leaders Thursday afternoon at the White House about the crisis. (AP)

## World's Carbon Dioxide Output Rises

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are exceeding worst fears about climate change

WASHINGTON | The world pumped up its pollution of the chief man-made global warming gas last year, setting a course that could push beyond leading scientists' projected worst-case scenario, international researchers said Thursday.

The new numbers were a surprise because scientists thought an economic downturn would slow

energy use. Instead, carbon dioxide output jumped 3 percent from 2006 to 2007.

That's an amount that exceeds the most dire outlook for emissions from burning coal and oil and related activities as projected by a Nobel Prize-winning group of international scientists in 2007.

Meanwhile, forests and oceans, which suck up carbon dioxide, are doing so at lower rates than in the 20th century, scientists said. If those trends continue, it puts the world on track for the highest predicted rises

in temperature and sea level.

Large increases in China, India and other developing countries spurred the growth of carbon dioxide pollution to a record high of 9.34 billion tons of carbon.

"Things are happening very, very fast," said Corinne Le Quere, professor of environmental sciences at the University of East Anglia. "It's scary."

What is "kind of scary" is that the worldwide emissions growth is beyond the highest growth in fossil fuel predicted just two years ago by

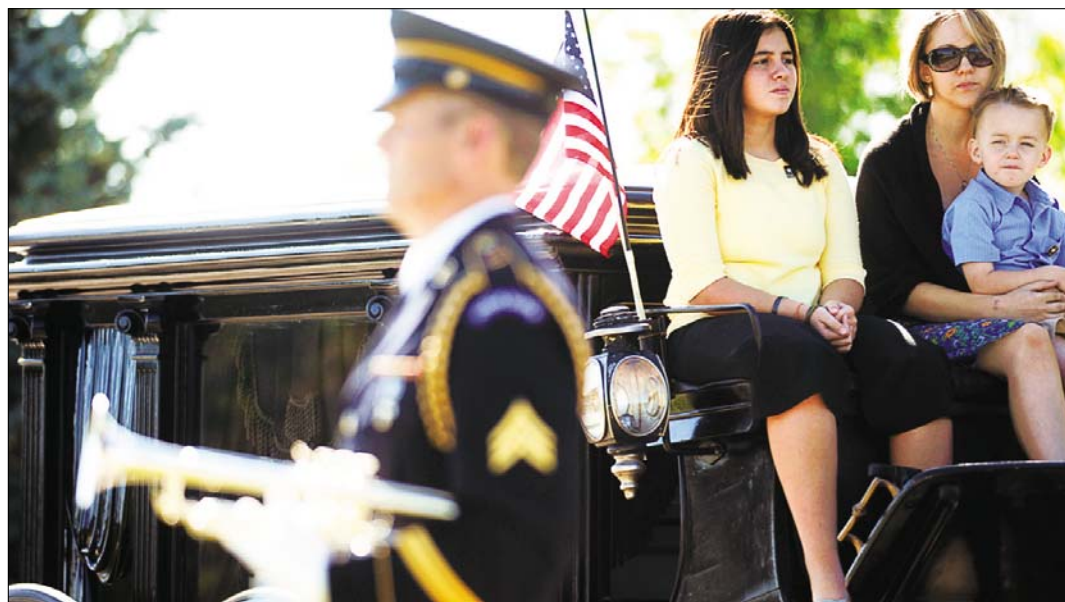
the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, said Ben Santer, an atmospheric scientist at the Lawrence Livermore National Lab.

Under the panel's scenario, temperatures would increase by somewhere between 4 and 11 degrees Fahrenheit by 2100.

If this trend continues for the remainder of the century, "you'd have to be luckier than hell for it just to be bad, as opposed to catastrophic," said Stanford University climate scientist Stephen Schneider.

SETH BORENSTEIN (AP)

### DENVER | A HERO'S RETURN



**LEFT BEHIND:** The caisson bearing the casket of Army Staff Sgt. Wesley Hunter passes Thursday on the way to Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver as his niece, Anna Hernandez, 12, left, his widow, Rayanne Hunter, and his 3-year-old son look on. Hunter, 28, was awarded the Bronze Star for heroism after his Humvee was ambushed in Baghdad.

## Condemned Man Says Judge Was Intimate With DA

HOUSTON | Lawyers for death row inmate Charles Dean Hood, whose execution was blocked asked Texas' highest criminal court, asked for a new trial Thursday because the judge and prosecutor in his case were having an affair.

"The truth was deliberately concealed in this case for nearly 20 years," attorneys A. Richard Ellis and Greg Wiercioch said.

Hood won a death row reprieve from the court on Sept. 9, but not because of the alleged romantic relationship between the trial judge, Verla Sue Holland, and Tom O'Connell, the former district attorney in Collin County in suburban Dallas. (AP)



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# Palin Defends Credentials

## Alaska governor says her state negotiates on trade with Russia

NEW YORK | Republican vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin defended her remark that the close proximity of Russia to her home state of Alaska gives her foreign policy experience, explaining in a CBS interview airing Thursday that "we have trade missions back and forth."

Palin's foreign policy experience came up when she gave her first major interview, on Sept. 11 to ABC News. When asked what insight she had gained from living so close to Russia, she said: "They're our next-door neighbors and you can actually see Russia from land here in Alaska, from an island in Alaska."

In the interview with CBS News anchor Katie Couric, Palin said: "It's funny that a comment like that was, kind of made to ... I don't know, you know? Reporters ..."

Couric said, "Mock?"

"Yeah," Palin said, "mocked, I guess that's the word, yeah."

When Couric asked how Alaska's closeness to Russia enhanced



Republican Gov. Sarah Palin talks to reporters Thursday after touring Engine Company 10, Ladder Company 10, next to the World Trade Center site in New York.

her foreign policy experience, Palin said, "Well, it certainly does because our ... our next-door neighbors are foreign countries." Alaska shares a border with Canada.

Palin didn't answer directly when Couric inquired about whether she had been involved in any negotiations with the Russians.

"We have trade missions back and forth," she replied. As she continued, Palin brought up Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin.

"It's very important when you consider even national security issues with Russia as Putin rears his head and comes into the air space of the United States of America, where — where do they go? It's Alaska. It's just right over the border. It is — from Alaska that we send those out to make sure that an eye is being kept on this very powerful nation, Russia, because they are right there. They are right next to ... to our state," she said. AMY WESTFELDT (AP)

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## Marie

### MY LONDON

As a mom to three kids under 12, my weekends are always an adventure, and being in London means we have lots of choices about what to do.

A favorite haunt of the boys is the **Natural History Museum** - they just love those dinosaurs! When they've got their fill of bones and other wonders of the natural world, we'll head over to the **Science Museum**. There are so many interactive exhibits, it's easy to lose track of time.

My daughter is the youngest and she's an animal lover. We've got an annual pass for **ZSL London Zoo** and often pack up a picnic and head over for the day. She especially likes the monkey walk where she can get up close to the little creatures. I really enjoy the walk through **Regents Park** - there are some lovely spots to sit and enjoy the beautiful flower displays and maybe even spot a few celebrities.

After an action-packed day, we like to head out for dinner together, but with such a large family we keep an eye on the budget. Like most locals, we've got a few tricks up our sleeve! One of our favorites is Masala Zone, a small chain of restaurants serving great Indian food that doesn't stretch our wallets!

## Brian

### MY LONDON

One of my favorite things about London is that there is so much to see and do. Whether it's the mix of historic and contemporary buildings or the fusion of cultures, it's really a world in one city.

If I had to name one attraction that represents London, I would say the **Tate Modern**; a contemporary art gallery in an



old power station which is right on the banks of the river. Afterward, I really enjoy walking over Millennium Bridge towards **St Paul's Cathedral** and into the city's business district.

I like to visit unusual attractions and exhibitions and I'm looking forward to visiting the **Ripley's Believe it or Not! Museum**. It opened this summer and I've heard it's great fun.

Take a tip from a local and explore some of London's smaller museums too. **The Geffrye Museum** in East London follows the history of interior design. It's great to compare century old rooms to more modern time designs.



“Being in London means we have lots of choices about what to do”

**The Museum in Docklands**, near Canary Wharf, also has some interesting, and less traditional, exhibitions. At the moment, you can find out all about Jack the Ripper and what life was like in the East End during the late 1800s. There's so much going on, you certainly won't be short of things to do this fall.

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# Nuclear Waste Piling Up Nationwide

## Hospitals are storing radioactive trash with closure of S.C. landfill

BARNWELL, S.C. | Tubes, capsules and pellets of used radioactive material are piling up in the basements and locked closets of hospitals and research installations around the country, stoking fears they could get lost or, worse, stolen by terrorists and turned into dirty bombs.

For years, truckloads of low-level nuclear waste from most of the U.S. were taken to a rural South Carolina landfill. There, items such as the rice-size radioactive seeds for treating cancer and pencil-thin nuclear tubes used in industrial gauges were sealed in concrete and buried.

But a South Carolina law that



Jim Latham points out concrete vaults containing nuclear waste at a landfill in Barnwell, S.C. The state is preventing more deposits of nuclear material at the site.

took effect July 1 ended nearly all disposal of radioactive material at the landfill, leaving 36 states

with no place to throw out some of the stuff.

"Instead of[being] safely secured

**Authorities admit it is difficult to track all the radioactive materials.**

in one place, it's stored in thousands of places in urban locations all over the United States," said Rick Jacobi, a nuclear waste consultant.

State and federal authorities say the waste is being monitored, but they acknowledge that it is difficult to track and inspected as little as once every five years.

In the past decade, 4,363 radioactive sources have been lost, stolen or abandoned, according to a Nuclear Regulatory Commission

report released in February. Though none of the material lost was rated "extremely dangerous," more than half the radioactive items were never recovered, the NRC said.

Since the Sept. 11 attacks, owners of dangerous amounts of radioactivity have been told by the government to take greater precautions, such as having 24-hour surveillance, erecting barriers and fingerprinting employees, regardless of whether the devices are in use or stored as waste.

Yet in 2003, the federal Government Accountability Office reported there wasn't even a record of how many radioactive sources existed nationwide. In June, the GAO concluded that while there has been progress, more must be done to track radioactive material to prevent it from falling into terrorists' hands and ending up in a dirty bomb or one that uses conventional explosives to scatter radiation. SEANNA ADCOX (AP)



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# World

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The number of nations represented at this year's International Film Festival in Pyongyang, North Korea. A total of 110 films, including Britain's "Atonement," were to be shown at the event, which ends on Friday. North Koreans rarely have the chance to see foreign films.

## Pakistanis Fire at U.S. Helicopters

Incident along Afghan border sparks brief battle on the ground

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN | Pakistani soldiers fired at American reconnaissance helicopters that were escorting Afghan and U.S. ground troops along the volatile border Thursday, sparking a five-minute ground battle between the countries, which have been allies in the war on terrorism, officials said.

Attempting to play down the incident — the first serious exchange with Pakistani forces acknowledged by the U.S. — Pakistan's president said only "flares" were fired at foreign helicopters that he said had strayed across the Afghan border.

The five-minute exchange, which could have easily escalated into a much bigger conflict, could heighten tensions at a time the U.S. is stepping up cross-border operations in a region known as a haven for Taliban and al-Qaeda militants.

It also came as new Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari was in New York to speak to the U.N. General Assembly. JASON STRAZIUSO (AP)

## Sarkozy: World Faced Catastrophe

French president urges major financial reform in light of market crisis

PARIS | French President Nicolas Sarkozy said Thursday the world came within "a whisker of catastrophe" during the recent financial crisis and that those responsible for the crisis must be identified and held accountable.

In his first major public address since the start of the crisis, Sarkozy

also criticized "abuses and scandals" involving executive pay, and pledged to intervene to halt these practices unless executives come up with their own solution.

"Self-regulation as a way of solving all problems is finished. Laissez-faire is finished. The all-powerful market that always knows best is finished," Sarkozy said.

"The world came within a whisker of catastrophe. We can't run the risk of it happening again," Sarkozy, a conservative, said in an address in



French President Nicolas Sarkozy speaks in Toulon, France, on Thursday. CLAUDE PARIS/AP

the southern Mediterranean port city of Toulon.

Sarkozy warned that the ongoing crisis "will have consequences in the coming months on growth, on unemployment and on spending power."

In a wide-ranging speech that touched on both the global economy and France's domestic economy, the president said, "We must identify those responsible for this disaster, and they must be punished, at least financially." GREG KELLER (AP)

### INDIA | MONSOON MISERY



**WATER WORLD:** Families waded through floodwater in Ratanpur, India, on Thursday. Heavy monsoon rains have been lashing parts of northern and eastern India, stranding hundreds of thousands of people in their homes and villages. AJAY KUMAR SINGH/AP

## Ex-Thai PM's Verdict Upheld

BANGKOK, THAILAND | Thailand's Appeals Court upheld a two-year jail sentence Thursday in a defamation case against former Prime Minister Samak Sundaravej, who was recently forced to resign.

Samak, who rose to his feet for the verdict, was stunned by the court's decision and lost his balance. Two court aides caught his arms to prevent him from falling.

The court said it saw no reason to suspend the jail term given last year by the Criminal Court, which convicted Samak of defaming a former Bangkok official in 2006. (AP)



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**OOPS:** An article describing China's space mission was posted online Thursday hours before astronauts even left the launchpad. The story, posted on the Web site of the Xinhua news agency, was written as though the astronauts had already launched, complete with a detailed dialogue among the three aboard. It has since been removed from the Web site.

## World

# China Sends 3 Into Space

**Astronaut aboard rocket plans to make nation's 1st spacewalk**

**JIUQUAN, CHINA** | China successfully launched a three-man crew into space Thursday, including an astronaut who will make the country's first spacewalk.

The Shenzhou 7 spacecraft, China's third manned mission, blasted off atop a Long March 2F rocket under clear night skies in northwest China. The spacewalk is expected to take place on Friday or Saturday.

Underscoring the mission's weighty political overtones, Chinese President and Communist Party head Hu Jintao was shown live on state television hailing the astronauts at the launch site near the northwest town of Jiuquan.

"You will definitely accomplish this glorious and sacred mission. The motherland and the people are looking forward to your triumphant return," Hu told the three, who were



Spectators cheer during a send-off ceremony for three astronauts who launched into space aboard the Shenzhou 7 spacecraft in Jiuquan, China, on Thursday.

behind glass to avoid germs.

The launch was carried live on state television in a display of China's growing confidence in the 16-year manned space program. Shortly before the feed was cut, one of the crew reported that all

were in good condition and had extended the three-module craft's solar panels.

The mission, expected to last three or four days, is devoted almost entirely to the execution of the spacewalk. **WONG WAI-BOR (AP)**

# Anti-Apartheid Figure To Lead South Africa

**Motlanthe widely seen as caretaker president until Zuma can rule**

**CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA** | A mild-mannered anti-apartheid activist on Thursday became the third president of South Africa since the end of white rule, vowing to foster unity in a country shaken by a power feud between its past and future leaders.

Kgalema Motlanthe is widely seen as a caretaker leader until next year's elections, when African National Congress leader Jacob Zuma is expected to take the helm.

In the meantime, Motlanthe faces an uphill struggle to restore the nation's battered international standing and regroup the government after a mass walkout in solidarity with President Thabo Mbeki, who was ousted last weekend.

"We live in challenging times. We see before us many mountains that



Kgalema Motlanthe is sworn in as president of South Africa Thursday.

are yet to be climbed, and numerous rivers that still need to be crossed," Motlanthe, 59, told parliament.

Zuma, 66, watched from the sidelines. The erstwhile guerrilla leader was not eligible for the presidency because he was not a legislator. Zuma, the ANC presidential candidate next year, will likely win in a landslide, given the ruling party's huge majority. **CLARE NULLIS (AP)**

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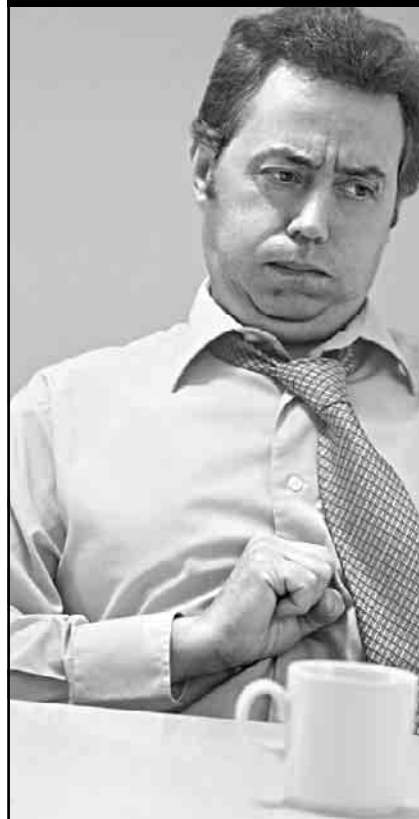


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## Local

# Md. Budget Cuts Ordered

## Gov. O'Malley warns of an 'extraordinarily difficult' year ahead

Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley announced Thursday that he has asked state agencies to identify hundreds of millions of dollars in spending cuts, up to 5 percent of state government expenditures, to balance the budget as major revenue sources decline in the sour economy.

In a statement, O'Malley predicted an "extraordinarily difficult budget next year" if his administration does not start to pare spending during the current fiscal year. "While

### REGIONAL ISSUE

Virginia and the District also are facing budget problems:

- Virginia faces a shortfall of at least \$2 billion or as much as nearly \$3 billion by some estimates, according to Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine.
- District officials said this week that they face a gap of \$131 million after years of surpluses.

these cuts will not be easy, it is clear that the economic crisis our nation is experiencing will have a dramatic impact on next year's budget."

O'Malley said he expects to recommend hundreds of millions of

dollars in cuts to the Board of Public Works, which approves state contracts, on Oct. 15.

State budget analysts predict a shortfall of about \$1 billion for fiscal 2010 and \$432 million for the current fiscal year, which began in July, because of lagging collection of sales and income taxes.

O'Malley said he will work with state lawmakers to avoid cuts to unemployment insurance, foreclosure prevention programs and energy assistance to low-income families. But aides said state services from health care to the University of Maryland system to funding for local governments are on the table.

LISA REIN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

### WASHINGTON | ANTHRAX SCARE DOWNTOWN



**SAFETY MEASURE:** An officer in a hazmat suit is decontaminated on Vermont Avenue after exiting the Department of Veterans Affairs building Thursday. Police closed off the surrounding areas after a letter containing a powder — which turned out not to be anthrax — was found in the building.

## D.C. Mayor Helps Open Obama's Campaign Office

WASHINGTON | Mayor Adrian M. Fenty and other city leaders have helped open presidential hopeful Barack Obama's D.C. campaign headquarters.

Fenty was joined by Council members Kwame Brown and Muriel Bowser on Thursday morning at a rowhouse on Florida Avenue in Northwest Washington. The mayor revved up the crowd of several hundred Obama enthusiasts by asking, "Are we fired up?" and leading chants of, "Obama!"

The Chicago senator is expected to overwhelmingly win D.C. in November's general election. Fenty has been a longtime supporter of Obama and plans to campaign for him across the country. (AP)

## The Lotteries

Thursday, Sept. 25

### DISTRICT

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	7-1-2
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	3-7-2
Mid-day DC 4	8-1-0-7
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	9-7-2-3
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)	4-11-22-30-31
Daily 6 (Wed.)	21-23-24-28-29-35 Bonus: 11
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	2-15-23-30-32 (8)

### MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	2-3-2
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	1-0-5
Mid-day Pick 4	8-9-2-7
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	3-5-6-3
Match 5 (Wed.)	17-18-21-34-36 Bonus: 28
Lotto (Wed.)	7-17-19-22-32-36

### VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	0-3-5
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	2-7-8
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	4-7-5-3

Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	8-1-8-3
Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)	1-3-11-17-28
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	10-12-15-28-33
Win for Life (Wed.)	3-4-6-19-39-42

### MULTI-STATE GAMES

Powerball (Wed.)	5-13-21-32-36 (33)
Power Play	5X

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express's deadline will be published two days later.





**OUT OF THE BAG:** Wal-Mart Stores said Thursday it plans to slash its plastic shopping bag waste by 33 percent over the next five years, eliminating more than 135 million pounds of trash. The plan would cut the equivalent of 9 billion plastic bags from stores each year.

## Money

# Some Banking CEOs Are Long Gone

Executive pay limit in bailout bill won't hurt execs who left banks

NEW YORK | With a Wall Street bailout looming that will almost certainly limit CEO pay, some of the poster boys of the financial crisis have already fled the scene, taking millions of dollars in severance packages with them.

Stanley O'Neal walked away from Merrill Lynch with a package now worth about \$66 million. Less than a year later, the storied investment house was forced into a takeover by Bank of America.

Ken Thompson was ousted from Wachovia in June with a "golden parachute" now worth more than \$5 million, and Chuck Prince was forced out at Citigroup with a parting gift now valued at \$16 million.

They are among the best-known former CEOs in the American banking industry — an industry that, after they left, was brought to its



Former Wachovia CEO Ken Thompson talks to employees in Charlotte, N.C., in 2003. Thomas left the bank with a compensation package now valued at \$5 million.

knees in a crisis that had lawmakers warning about the possibility of outright panic.

"These guys took all this risk, and, ultimately, they won't have to suffer the consequences of their decisions," said Barry Ritholtz, who writes the popular financial blog the Big Picture and is CEO of research

firm FusionIQ.

Congress and the Bush administration were working Thursday on a bailout package, perhaps with an ultimate cost of \$700 billion, that would have the government buy bad debt off the books of banks.

Recognizing a public outcry, lawmakers from both parties have been

pushing to add curbs on executive pay to the bailout plan.

Those limits could include

**"These guys took all this risk, and, ultimately, ... won't have to suffer the consequences"**

BARRY RITHOLTZ, FUSIONIQ CEO

restrictions or even an outright ban on severance packages for current executives leading companies that go to the government for help.

"At many of these companies, there are new CEOs and they didn't cause the problems," said Lynn Turner, former chief accountant at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Meanwhile, the former CEOs who accepted fat severance packages from the banks at the heart of the crisis are long gone. (AP)

# New-Home Sales Hit a 17-Year Low

Many experts believe market's free fall isn't anywhere near over

WASHINGTON | New-home sales tumbled in August to the slowest pace in 17 years, while mortgage rates spiked this week, increasing pressure on the new chief executives of Fannie Mae and Freddie

Mac to help stabilize the housing market.

Sales of new homes fell by 11.5 percent from July to August to an annual sales rate of 460,000 units, the slowest sales pace since January 1991, the Commerce Department said Thursday.

Many experts say the housing market's decline isn't over yet, as foreclosures and defaults continue to soar. Moody's Economy.com forecasts home prices won't hit bottom for another year.

Also keeping potential home buyers on the sidelines are tight lending standards and rising mortgage rates.

The average interest rate for a 30-year, fixed-rate loan this week is 6.09 percent, up from 5.78 percent last week, Freddie Mac said Thursday. ALAN ZIBEL (AP)

**5.5**

The percentage median home prices fell in the United States in July. The median is now \$221,900.

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## Judge Rules Against Tolkien Estate

LOS ANGELES | A judge has barred the estate of "Lord of the Rings" author J.R.R. Tolkien from seeking punitive damages against the studio that brought the trilogy to the big screen.

Tolkien's heirs claim New Line Cinema has failed to pay any royalties from the estimated \$6 bil-

lion they say the movie has grossed worldwide. The lawsuit is seeking more than \$150 million in compensatory damages.

Tolkien signed agreements in 1969 with United Artists governing the movie rights to the "Lord of the Rings" books as well as "The Hobbit." (AP)

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**WHAT A DOLL:** Peggy Olson (Elisabeth Moss) does the Twist at P.J. Clarke's on "Mad Men," which won the Emmy on Sunday.

## 'Mad Men's' City

**Relive the old N.Y.C. by taking a cue from AMC's hit TV show**

IN TRAVEL | Becoming a dissolute ad executive from another era takes persistence and attention to detail.

It is not merely a matter of an early '60s Kingsbridge suit by John Taylor Ltd. of Tarrytown (\$110 at Cheap Jack's in midtown Manhattan) and a skinny Harry Rothman tie (\$45). You can't just vacuum up Lucky Strikes. No, if you want to be a piece of serious collateral damage in

the phenomenon that is AMC's "Mad Men," which just won an Emmy for best drama series, you have to get the lingo down. To know your dolls from your sweethearts, I mean.

People come to "Mad Men" for many reasons. For some, it's the ad agency at the show's heart, Sterling Cooper, where Camelot-era men fire zingers at warp speed, and the secretaries forage for husbands. For others, "Mad Men," with its almost orgiastic parade of twin sets and crinoline, is a kind of fashion porn. But Sterling Cooper is also a profoundly sad place. Haunted men booze it up in the morning, visit mistresses in

the afternoon and chain-smoke the rest of the time. The women either put up with constant sexist epithets on the job or abandon them for lives of misery in suburbia.

for more ...

### SUNDAY IN TRAVEL

Find Scott Vogel's itinerary for doing Manhattan like you're one of the "Mad Men." Plus, get driven to drink Kentucky's famous bourbon.

IN *The Washington Post*

What do we love about this show, again?

Sterling Cooper, as every fan with a pause button knows, is at 405 Madison Ave., an address that does not exist. If it did, it would be where a bank of Chase ATMs is now, not the ideal spot to spend the morning. But don't worry — soon it will be 11:30 a.m. and time for your first cocktail.

Opting for the spot where Salvatore memorably flirted with a client in Episode 8, Season 1, you head for **THE BAR AT THE ROOSEVELT HOTEL**. It is just as cozy and somber as a place dedicated to illicitness should be. Indeed, anything is possible after you've downed a few Camparis in one of those red and gold banquettes.

Lunchtime! Luckily, the **OYSTER BAR** at Grand Central Terminal is just a few blocks away. The red-checkered tablecloths are exactly as they were on the day Don and Roger overdid it and the latter ended up puking oysters in the Sterling Cooper lobby.

Then there's **P.J. CLARKE'S** on Third Avenue. The ancient beer-and-burger joint has changed little since the night the Sterling Cooper bunch took over the place, pushing back the tables and dancing the Twist.

Wait. Wasn't this the night you promised to take the wife to "Fiorello!" even though you hate musicals, just like Don?

A pre-show dinner will be a must, and **SARDI'S**, once the happening spot, is now just sort of happening, kind-of. You've probably imagined an uneasy mix of biz types, entertainment figures and the occasional shouting match, but instead you're more likely to witness elderly couples or red-faced Wall Street execs oversalting the cannelloni while praying for an end to the financial crisis.

Desperation: Maybe that's what it is. With each passing day, more and more desperation seems to grip New York. The city leaves you with the same feeling that "Mad Men" does, and — Who knows? — maybe that's the real reason the show speaks to us so compellingly. It all makes you want to scare up a copy of "Meditations in an Emergency," as Don did, and seek out a quiet spot for reflection. One thought: pocket-size Paley Park on East 53rd Street. As it happens, the park is in the exact spot where the **STORK CLUB** once stood.

SCOTT VOGEL (THE WASHINGTON POST)

5 more reasons to read

THESE STORIES AND MORE THIS SUNDAY



### ➔ Mass. Ave. Miracle

A Jew, a Muslim and a Christian seek answers to some of life's toughest questions in the houses of worship along one of Washington's signature streets. **THE MAGAZINE**

### ➔ The Dark Side

Terry Pratchett takes readers to a parallel universe peopled by ghosts, cannibals, bloodthirsty mutineers, forbidden burial grounds, mummies and secret treasure. **BOOK WORLD**

### ➔ Toxic Boss Tales

Think your boss is bad? We talk to some area folks who will make your Genghis Khan supervisor look like Mother Teresa. **SUNDAY SOURCE**



### ➔ Still 'Desperate'

The housewives of Wisteria Lane are back but with a different set of problems as the show jumps five years into the future. **TV WEEK**

### ➔ Mythbusters

Everyone who's tried to puncture an urban legend has heard of Snopes.com. Meet the dedicated husband-wife team that makes up its entire staff. **STYLE & ARTS**





**TERPS FOOTBALL**  
**Valley Boys:** Clemson's Death Valley is always a tough place to play. Do the Terps have what it takes to pull off another upset there? | 15

# Sports Weekend



Marion Barber hurdles over the pile for a few extra yards during the Cowboys' season opener against the Browns. Dallas backs are averaging five yards per carry this season.

## Full-Speed Ahead

Marion Barber is key to Dallas offense's running smoothly

**REDSKINS** | Marion Barber is already plotting who he'll run over.

He's going to line up seven yards behind the line of scrimmage, take two steps toward the quarterback, and burst through the line, taking a defender — no, two — with him.

Terrell Owens gets microphones. Tony Romo has a pop starlet. And Barber is the dreaded, dreadlocked ball carrier who makes the most powerful offense in the NFL churn.

It's Dallas week.

The Redskins will have few tougher tasks this year than shutting down their rival's offense, and that starts with the running game.

### WHAT TIME IS IT?

With the clock winding down on last weekend's victory, burgundy-and-gold supporters throughout the stadium were chanting, "We want Dallas!"

→ The chants got louder as fans descended the ramps of FedEx Field, overjoyed their team had looked better for a second-straight week. But what does Dallas week mean to the players?

→ "I've been a part of a couple 'rivalries' when I played for other teams, but those don't compare," said linebacker London Fletcher.

→ "I don't have that animosity yet, and I'm the head coach here, and we're supposed to," Zorn said. "I just watch our players. Even after [Wednesday], there was a mind-set that was understanding what this game's all about. The tempo was up. The concentration levels are where they need to be."



4:15 P.M. | FOX  
Sunday



"Marion is the workhorse. He's the guy who's going to be in there down in and down out," Cowboys offen-

sive coordinator Jason Garrett said. "When you have Terrell Owens and some of the guys outside, they get some attention from the secondary guys, so it's harder for the safeties to get involved in the running game."

Though the Cowboys' passing game gets most of the attention

because of its big-play ability, Dallas (3-0) is averaging five yards per carry. And its six rushing touchdowns are tied for the most in the NFL.

Barber — a Pro Bowler in 2007 with 285 yards rushing already this season — will start in the backfield and should pound at the Redskins' defense throughout the game.

Washington will be without Jason Taylor, which means Demetric Evans and Erasmus James will be relied upon to help power the front four. Through three games, Washington (2-1) is 16th of 32 NFL teams against the run.

On the flip side, Washington's offense could go a long way toward winning the game just by controlling the ball. The Redskins have struggled at times to create turnovers in recent years but now lead the NFL in giveaway/takeaway margin at plus-5. Quarterback Jason Campbell has yet to throw an interception, and Washington has fumbled the ball away just once in three contests. ERIC BRANDNER

## TV Lineup



Georgia is going to wear all black this weekend, and the fans will follow suit.

### friday

**7 P.M.** The Baltimore Orioles kick off their last series of the year, playing the Toronto Blue Jays at home. If only it meant something. MASN2

**7 P.M.** In a game that matters, the Milwaukee Brewers are still very much in the wild card hunt when they play the rival Cubs, the NL Central winners. ESPN

### saturday

**NOON** The Terps lost at Middle Tennessee State, then beat ranked Cal and crushed Eastern Michigan at home. Which Terps team will show up against No. 20 Clemson? Ch. 20

**3:30 P.M.** The Nationals and the Phillies have very different goals in their final series in Philadelphia. The Phillies are fighting for the division championship. The Nats are fighting for the No. 1 draft pick. FOX

**3:30 P.M.** Michigan hosts Wisconsin in a game that is usually close but probably won't be this year. ESPN

**7:45 P.M.** In a top 25 matchup, the No. 8 Crimson Tide heads to Georgia to battle the No. 3 Bulldogs. ESPN

### sunday

**1:30 P.M.** Who will win the Tiger-less PGA Tour Championship? And does it really matter? NBC

**1 P.M.** Before the Redskins-Cowboys game begins, football fans can warm up with Packers at Bucs and Browns at Bengals. FOX and CBS

**8:15 P.M.** The 2-1 Philadelphia Eagles play the 1-2 Chicago Bears in front of a national audience with team stars Donovan McNabb and Brian Westbrook healthy again — they hope. NBC

**SOCCER | Worth their weight** The coach of the Brazilian soccer team Vasco will make his players pay — literally — if they don't stay in shape. "They either shut their mouth or we make them pay," coach Renato Gauchó said on Wednesday. "And we decided to make them pay because



I know football players like to eat a lot." Gauchó, a former All-Star striker, said he will fine his players the equivalent of \$165 per day for every kilogram over their optimum weight. He said the players have until Friday to lose the extra weight or will have to start paying the fine. (AP)



# Weekend Sports

## Swengali

NATIONALS | BY MATT SWENSON, MATT.SWENSON@READEXPRESS.COM

### D.C. Is Already Bored by Nats

**THE ARGUMENT AGAINST** writing the column you are about to read is that no one cares about the Nationals, but that is precisely the point.

After four years, baseball in Washington is an unqualified flop. Since Oriole Park at Camden Yards opened in 1992, no stadium has drawn fewer fans in its inaugural season than Nationals Park. For the record, 17 parks have debuted in that time span.

Baseball's magic formula says the last-place Nationals were averaging 29,077 fans per game — the 20th best in the majors — as of Wednesday. (Thursday was to be the home finale, weather permitting.) Anyone who's actually been to a game or watched one on TV (we'll get back to that subject) knows that far less than that fill the seats.

Any report you hear about TV ratings shows greater disinterest than the previous bleak news. Just this month, only 6,000 people tuned into the Nationals game on the same day as the Redskins opener. More people probably watched C-SPAN.

The Washington Post even reported that the radio audience is so small that the ratings aren't statistically valid.

A dreadful team is to blame for most of this, and the Tampa Bay Rays' success offers hope that D.C. can one day drum up support for a winning team.

Let's be realistic, though. The Nationals are going to stink next year and probably the year after that. Attendance will only drop, and fewer people will bother searching for MASN to watch the games on TV.

It took 33 years to bring baseball back to D.C. It took four to get bored by it.

## Twins Are Winning, Not Just Rebuilding

Minnesota exceeds all expectations in its chase for a playoff spot

**BASEBALL** | This Twins have scored more runs than any other team during manager Ron Gardenhire's seven-year tenure, which already includes four division titles.

He's watched five starting pitchers post 10 or more victories in 2008, only the second time that has happened in the club's 48 seasons.

The Twins were supposed to rebuild and develop this year, especially with a rotation of pitchers all 27 or younger and a preseason payroll that ranked 24th in the majors. They were not supposed to be pursuing another trip to the playoffs deep into September.

But Gardenhire still has had a hard time sleeping. Why?

"This is probably as mentally worn out as I've been at the end of a season," he said, hours before Min-



The Twins beat the White Sox on both Tuesday and Wednesday this week.

nesota beat the Chicago White Sox on Wednesday to move within a half-game of the AL Central lead.

The skipper has been worried by center fielder Carlos Gomez's over-exuberance, a bullpen that has blown dozens of games, and a slew of injuries forcing shuffle after shuffle to the alignment and the lineup.

But he's found a way to have fun too, thanks to players who heed his advice of playing hard, and are smart and poised every game. DAVE CAMPBELL (AP)

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# Death Valley Duel

Playing on the road in the ACC is always a tough test for Terps

**TERPS FOOTBALL** | Terp linebacker Dave Philistin made the mistake of taking his helmet off. He should have known better, should have remembered where he was.

But he was a sophomore, just beginning to understand college football in the South and the lengths some fans will go to show their support. In Clemson, affectionately known as Death Valley, it can get downright dangerous.

Philistin heard it coming, but before he could react, it grazed his head and landed with a thud on the ground.

"I remember when it landed. I was, like, 'Is that a Duracell?'" said Philistin, now a senior. "Coach [Dave] Solazzo yells at me, 'Get your helmet on! You're in Death Valley!' I kept my helmet on the whole game, drinking water through my helmet the whole time."

The Terrapins won that game in 2006, upsetting then-No. 19 Clemson 13-12. They'll return to try again on Saturday against the 20th-ranked Tigers.

It's never easy to win on the road, but to do so in the ACC takes a special mettle. The last time Maryland (3-1) had a winning road record in ACC play was 2002, when it finished the season 11-3 and won the Peach Bowl.



The Terrapins celebrate their 13-12 upset at Clemson in 2006. Maryland has not achieved a winning road record in the ACC since 2002, when it finished 11-3.

## NO GUARANTEES

**A year ago, Clemson RB James Davis rankled the Terrapins by guaranteeing victory.**

→ Of course, the Terrapins had little to say when Davis ran for 129 yards and a touchdown and Clemson did, in fact, defeat Maryland, 30-17. But the Terrapins didn't forget. "Guaranteeing wins in college?" Philistin said. "It didn't sit right with me." Davis offered a toned-down proclamation this time. "I guarantee that I'll be there at the game," he said.

"No doubt about it," coach Ralph Friedgen said. "It's hard to win on the road in this league."

All three of the Terps' wins this

season have come at home. In their only away game, they were beaten by Middle Tennessee State in arguably the worst loss of Friedgen's tenure in front of 22,000 not-so-rabid fans in Murfreesboro, not more than 70,000 orange-clad zealots.

After the week 2 loss, the Terps responded by downing a ranked California team and scoring 51 points in a win against Eastern Michigan. They have momentum.

And when the batteries fly Saturday, Philistin said, he'll be charged up. He's already envisioning a victorious walk off the hostile field.

"Those fans are something else. We should have extra security," he said. "I like playing in Death Valley."

DEREK TURNER

# Tide Heads Wave of Top-25 Games

**COLLEGE PICKS** | Nick Saban had Alabama sitting at 6-2 last year, and rebuilding seemed ahead of schedule, but four straight losses put the return to glory on hold. At 4-0, Alabama is again looking like a team primed for a breakout season. A trip to Georgia should determine how seriously the Tide should be taken. The picks:

→ **NO. 24 TCU** (PLUS 17.5) at **NO. 2 OKLAHOMA**. The Sooners top the nation in scoring (55 ppg); The Horned Frogs are 13th (43) ... **OKLAHOMA, 45-21.**



Coach Nick Saban has Alabama rolling with wins in its first four games this year.

→ **NO. 8 ALABAMA** (PLUS 7) at **NO. 3 GEORGIA**. Alabama's time will come; for now, Dawgs rule ... **GEORGIA, 28-17.**

→ **NO. 22 ILLINOIS** (PLUS 14.5) at **NO. 12 PENN STATE**. This week starts a tough five-week stretch in the Nittany Lions' schedule ... **PENN STATE, 32-21.**

→ **TENNESSEE** (PLUS 6.5) at **NO. 15 AUBURN**. Just when the Vols look hopeless ... **TENNESSEE, 24-20.**

→ **MARYLAND** (PLUS 11) at **NO. 20 CLEMSON**. Terps TB Da'Rel Scott leads the ACC in rushing at 136 ypg and could spark the Terps this week ... **MARYLAND, 28-21.** RALPH D. RUSSO (AP)

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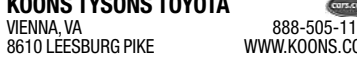
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Tony Romo has averaged more than 250 yards per game while completing more than 64 percent of his passes the past two years.

# What to Watch For

In this heated rivalry, a couple of matchups will be especially key

## THE COWBOYS HAVE THE BALL

### QB Tony Romo vs. S LaRon Landry

Romo is the third most prolific passer in the NFL this season. He is averaging nearly 300 yards

per game through the air and has thrown five touchdowns. Between Terrell Owens, Jason Witten and Marion Barber, he has plenty of weapons, and the third-year QB has shown that he doesn't make too many mistakes. His offensive line is one of the best in the business, which allows Romo to sit back in the pocket and wait until his playmakers get open. The chance that the Redskins get pressure on

Romo with just their front four is minimal. But Landry, who has half a sack so far this season, has a knack for blitzing from the safety spot. The Redskins have had him playing center field for most of the first three games, and he has four pass deflections to show for it, but don't be surprised if they try to sneak him up through the offensive line a little bit as well to put some pressure on Romo.



DeMarcus Ware, left, beats OT Chris Samuels to tackle Mark Brunell in 2006.

## THE REDSKINS HAVE THE BALL

### OLB DeMarcus Ware Vs. LT Chris Samuels

There's one guy on the Cowboys defense who the Redskins must keep tabs on at all times: DeMarcus Ware. Lining up as an outside linebacker in the 3-4, Ware, who has 13 tackles, three sacks and one force fumble so far this season, will primarily be the responsibility of left tackle Chris Samuels, a perennial Pro Bowler. But he can stunt and start off the line and move around to the point where the other linemen have to keep an eye on him as well. And Clinton Portis, who loves to deliver a big hit when possible, will likely be asked to chip in with some chip blocks whenever possible. The fourth-year linebacker had 14 sacks last season and is on pace for even more this year. Redskins QB Jason Campbell hasn't turned the ball over yet, but Ware might be the right guy to change that.

IAN HERBERT (EXPRESS)

## X Factors

### → Kick returner Rock Cartwright

Cartwright has not had a single carry or catch all season. But on special teams, Cartwright has stood out, averaging 18.5 yards on two kickoff returns last game. For the season, he has 10 returns for 258 yards, including a 50-yarder Week 1 against the Giants. Cartwright hasn't returned a kick for a touchdown in two years, but his last one was in Dallas on Sept. 17, 2006, a 100-yard return for the Redskins only touchdown of the game.



Jones is a threat on nearly every play.

### → Cowboys RB Felix Jones

He may be rookie, but Jones already has already shown he can be a game-changer for the Cowboys. He has 148 yards on just 18 carries, an average of 8.2 yards per carry. He was also the first Cowboy to score in the team's first three games, rushing for touchdowns twice and taking a 98-yard kickoff return to the house. We'd say that's a pretty good start to his NFL career. As he matures, Dallas will give him even more touches, and he could do some serious damage. KATE YANCHULIS

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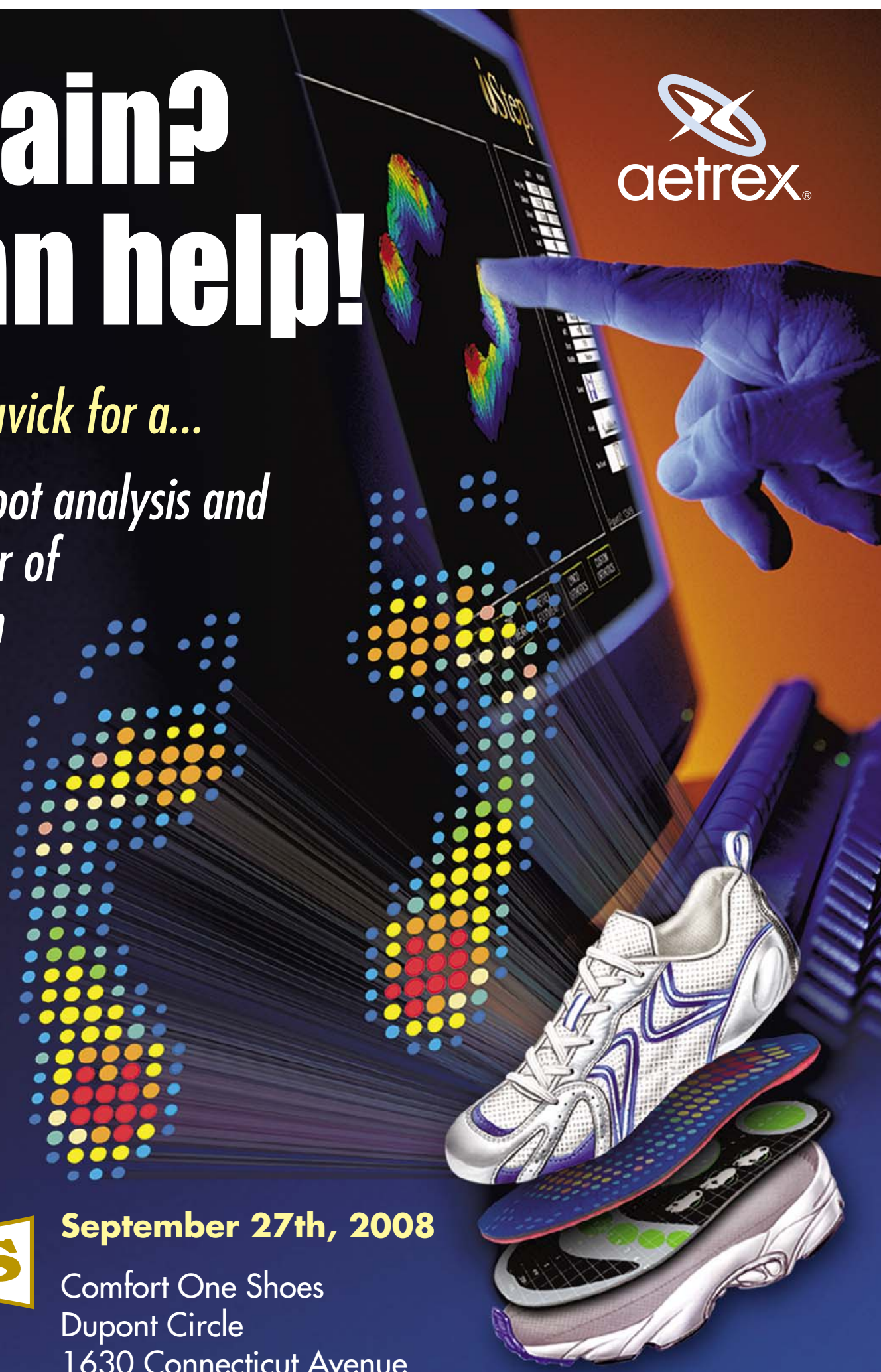
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REDSKINS (PLUS 11.5) AT COWBOYS

### REDSKINS

No one disputes the Cowboys are better, but 11.5-points better? I don't think so.

### COWBOYS

This game is not hard to pick. The spread makes it a lot harder.

### COWBOYS

Jim Zorn is 0-1 all-time against the spread in NFC East road games.

### REDSKINS

This game is usually a struggle, even when Dallas is as good as it is right now.



VIKINGS (PLUS 3.5) AT TITANS

### VIKINGS

In Gus we trust. Actually, I don't think the Titans are good enough to be 4-0.

### VIKINGS

Gus Frerotte doesn't have to be great for the Vikings. Tarvaris Jackson sure wasn't.

### TITANS

Can't Adrian Peterson just play quarterback, too?

### TITANS

Kerry Collins, another golden oldie, prevails this week.



PACKERS (PLUS 3) AT BUCS

### BUCS

Brian Griese is going to throw a ton with Al Harris out and Charles Woodson hurt.

### PACKERS

Losing to Dallas by 11 doesn't necessarily mean you're a bad team.

### PACKERS

They saved up all their excellence from last week.

### BUCS

The Cowboys gave Aaron Rodgers problems. The Bucs could do the same.



EAGLES (MINUS 3) AT BEARS

### EAGLES

Assuming McNabb and Westbrook play, this could turn into a rout by game's end.

### BEARS

Call me crazy, but I see the NFC East getting its first loss of the year in Chicago.

### EAGLES

Vegas oddsmakers have the NFC East as football's best.

### EAGLES

If the Eagles can harass Kyle Orton the way they harassed Roethlisberger ...



49ERS (PLUS 6.5) AT SAINTS

### SAINTS

The Saints could've won their last two road games. At home, they get a victory.

### 49ERS

Someone from the NFC West has to be decent this season, right?

### SAINTS

Sit back and watch the fantasy points pile up.

### SAINTS

The 49ers won their only road game 33-30 in Seattle. But ...



RAVENS (PLUS 5.5) AT STEELERS

### STEELERS

The Ravens are better than people thought, but not better than the Steelers.

### STEELERS

Even if the Ravens were 15-0, I'd be picking the Steelers in this game.

### RAVENS

Forget my cardinal rule last week: Never bet against a Blue Hen.

### RAVENS

Big Ben is a question mark. The Steelers win but don't cover.

**SEASON TALLY:** Matt Swenson: 9-8-1 (2-4); Ian Herbert: 8-9-1 (4-2); Dan Steinberg: 13-4-1 (3-3); Dave Goldberg: 9-8-1 (3-3)

All picks are against the spread. Get more NFL coverage and chime in with comments on the Sports Bog at [blog.washingtonpost.com/dcsportsbog](http://blog.washingtonpost.com/dcsportsbog).

## D.C. United Is Fading Fast

Depleted team could miss playoffs for the first time since 2002

**UNITED** | D.C. United will take a tired, wounded team and a season-high five-game winless streak into Dallas for Sunday afternoon's MLS contest facing fading prospects for both its MLS Cup and Champions League ambitions.

United (10-12-3) would fill the eighth and final playoff spot if the season ended today, but it has not won an MLS game in more than a month. It has not missed the post-season since 2002.

Its continental hopes are even dimmer following Wednesday's 2-0 setback at Honduras' Marathon that left D.C. 0-2-0 and last in its four-team, first round group.

"We've dug ourselves a hole," coach Tom Soehn said in San Pedro Sula.



L.A. Galaxy players celebrate during the team's win over D.C. last Saturday.

To escape it, Soehn will have to find a way to juggle a depleted lineup through a brutal schedule featuring nine games in the next month and trips to Costa Rica and Mexico City.

Marcelo Gallardo, who has been sidelined for most of the past three months because of a sports hernia,

is rehabbing in Argentina and may return next week. Jaime Moreno has missed a week with knee trouble, and other key contributors, like Gonzalo Peralta and Santino Quaranta, are in and out of the lineup.

Soehn said missing Gallardo and Moreno "obviously it takes a lot away from our possession game, which we've been accustomed to playing. ... It's a big loss for us. But that's the reality of sports, and we have to deal with what we have."

With the healthy players logging so many minutes, Soehn will have to decide whether he wants to continue to vie for a spot in the Champions League quarterfinals or concentrate only on the five remaining MLS games. Dallas (7-9-9) is out of the playoff hunt right now, but United still has matches to play against Columbus, Houston and New England, the three top teams in MLS. **BRIAN STRAUS**



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**LEE'S HISTORICAL STATEMENT:** Derek Luke, right, is one of four soldiers caught behind enemy lines in "Miracle at St. Anna."

## Soldiering On

### Spike Lee makes an ambitious move with 'Miracle at St. Anna'

**BOLD** | In Spike Lee's long and eclectic career, "Miracle at St. Anna" is easily his most technically ambitious film. After acclaimed character dramas ("Malcolm X," "Do the Right Thing"), some ill-fated comedies ("Bamboozled," "She

Hate Me") and even a documentary or two ("4 Little Girls"), Lee takes on a big, old-fashioned war picture. It's hard not to appreciate the fact that, after a quarter-century of making movies, he's chosen this time to leap so boldly away from his comfort zone.

But he might not have been ready for the enormity of such a project. "Miracle at St. Anna" is wildly unfocused in terms of tone

and, at two hours and 40 minutes, it is unjustifiably long. Lee didn't write the script — that's the work of James McBride, who based the screenplay on his novel of the same name — but he didn't rein in his writer, either, perhaps because he feels so strongly about the subject matter.

"Miracle" tells of the men of the 92nd Infantry Division, black troops who served in Italy during World

War II and were known as Buffalo Soldiers. Lee has long been critical of films about World War II such as Clint Eastwood's "Flags of Our Fathers" and "Letters From Iwo Jima" for depicting only the white U.S. soldiers who fought. This is his response — voluminous and full of unmistakable anger. That's not the only emotion that emerges in loud bursts. In following four soldiers trapped behind enemy lines in Tuscany (Derek Luke, Michael Ealy, Laz Alonso and Omar Benson Miller), Lee jumps from visceral battle scenes to intimate drama to light-hearted comedy.

Regardless of the situation, though, he smothers everything, as usual, in the distractingly horn-heavy score of his longtime collaborator, composer and jazz trumpeter Terence Blanchard. Since this is one of his preferred tactics, Lee obviously isn't interested in hearing that he undermines himself with such bombast at every turn.

His war violence (shot vividly by Matthew Libatique, also the cinematographer on Lee's thrilling bank caper "Inside Man") is bloody and gritty. He holds nothing back. But there's clearly enough innate intensity there that he doesn't need to amp it up through music.

Similarly, the horns come in during quiet moments of dialogue between the men — needless cues when silence would have been fine. After all, his is a worthwhile story to tell — one that deserves our attention. **CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)**



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## Keira, Darling, Love the Hair

### Brit star charms as Georgiana Spencer in the lavish 'Duchess'

**HISTORIC** | The cinched corsets, the mountains of upswept hair, the richly textured, intricately detailed costumes. Sure, "The Duchess" is a lavish exercise in style over substance, but it's a well-crafted, superbly acted one.

Keira Knightley brings her usual bright energy and sly charm

to the role of Georgiana Spencer, the Duchess of Devonshire, and she manages to find the subversive humor within the unassuming, artistically solid direction from Saul Dibb. Unsurprisingly, the star of "Pride & Prejudice" and "Atonement" seems perfectly comfortable in yet another period piece; this one begins in 1774 England, when Georgiana was a 17-year-old bride.

But the filmmakers — and the movie's marketing machine — are obviously trying hard to make the



Hayley Atwell, left, eyes Knightley's towering bouffant with a look of envy.

picture seem contemporary by pushing the idea that Georgiana was the first "It Girl," with her elaborate parties and influential fashion sense. It also doesn't hurt their argument that she was an ancestor of Princess Diana, who similarly was trapped in a loveless royal marriage and found herself the topic of endless gossip. It's a smart tactic: Considering our all-consuming obsession with celebrity, such a connection, unfortunately, doesn't seem too tenuous. **CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)**



# Try Not to Gag

An adaption of Chuck Palahniuk's book lives up to its title: 'Choke'

**FORMULAIC** | As disappointing book-to-film adaptations go, "Choke" isn't quite as bad as "The Bonfire of the Vanities," but it's up there.

The novel from "Fight Club" writer Chuck Palahniuk, about a sex addict who pretends he's choking in restaurants to make money to pay for his demented mom's hospital care, wasn't exactly great literature. But the characters felt vaguely real beneath the weirdness — or perhaps because of it — and the story had glimmers of poignancy at which writer-director Clark Gregg's film hints only rarely.

Sam Rockwell is certainly game for the material. As he's shown in movies such as "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind," he's capable of playing characters who are twisted yet likable; there's something dangerous about him but also sort of sweet.



Victor (Sam Rockwell), right, feigns choking to get cash for his ma's hospital bills.

Here, his Victor Mancini feels like nothing more than a collection of eccentricities. Then again, "Choke" is so rushed, he doesn't have time to show us much more. He works as a historical re-enactor at a Colonial America theme park with his best friend, Denny (Brad William Henke), which seems like an excuse to dress Rockwell in puffy shirts and pointy hats.

That Victor is a sex addict—who

arranges wild trysts through his 12-step meetings — feels like an attempt to be edgy, to shock us, rather than an integral part of the miserable misfit he has become.

The breeziness that marked Palahniuk's writing is largely gone; "Choke" the movie instead feels like a strong gust of wind. For a film about people behaving badly — a comedy, no less — this one falls oddly flat. **CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)**

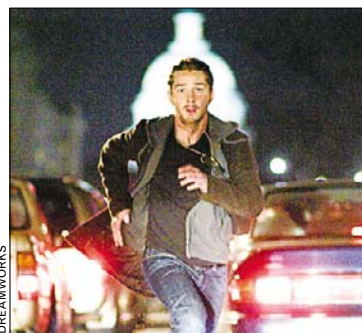
# Run, Shia LaBeouf, Run

Supercomputers take an actor for a ride in the thriller 'Eagle Eye'

**DISTURBING** | HAL goes mobile in "Eagle Eye," a thriller about technology taking over — and not in good ways, like making coffee for you before you even realize you want it.

No, this supercomputer has a political agenda, which, theoretically, might seem timely with the presidential election approaching. Instead, this half-baked indictment of the Patriot Act and the war on terror feels a few years too late — maybe because that's when executive producer Steven Spielberg came up with the nugget of an idea that became "Eagle Eye."

Shia LaBeouf and Michelle Monaghan co-star as Jerry and Rachel, strangers who are forced to work



Shia is fab at dashing through "Indiana Jones" deserts and, now, city streets.

together when their lives are commandeered by an oddly calm but insistent female voice — like the one on your GPS but, you know, evil. She's everywhere: on their cell phones, on other people's cell phones. She can manipulate stop lights and air traffic, monitor every surveillance camera on the planet and send messages through TV monitors and electronic billboards.

She makes the duo rob an armored truck and even stow away aboard a military plane.

But why is she doing this? What does she want? That's the overly simplistic mystery to be uncovered in the film from D.J. Caruso, reuniting with LaBeouf, who he directed in the 2007 hit "Disturbia."

Jerry is an underachieving copy store employee and Stanford dropout whose identical twin brother, a rising Air Force star, recently was killed in a car accident. Rachel is a single mom whose young son is on the way to Washington to perform with the school band at the Kennedy Center. The adventures into which they're thrown become increasingly far-fetched, to the point where they're not even mildly intriguing, just laughably ridiculous.

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Perhaps it's the sand in their swimsuits, but Richard Gere and Diane Lane smile through the pain and the PDAs in the OBX in the schmaltzy romance "Rodanthe."

# Beach Set Them Up

**'Nights in Rodanthe' falls flat for Diane Lane, Richard Gere**

**CHEESE** | The only reason to see "Nights in Rodanthe" is to check in with Diane Lane. Neither a femme fatale nor a girl next door, Lane has always had an intense prettiness and confidence. She's a master of the middle range of feelings, including middle-class regret and longing. Navigating the secret corners of conventional living is her specialty. "Nights in Rodanthe" is just her latest opportunity to practice it.

Adapted from yet another Nicholas Sparks best-seller ("The Notebook") about amorous healing, "Nights in Rodanthe" takes place mostly in a North Carolina coastal town where Lane's Adrienne Willis has gone to play hotelier for a friend who's out of town. Her one customer is an attractive plastic surgeon, Dr. Paul Flanner (Richard Gere). A mother of two, Adrienne is estranged from her husband (Christopher Meloni), who has suddenly

declared he wants her back. Paul, divorced long ago, hopes to meet face to face with the widower of a woman who died in a freak accident on his operating table. And did I mention there's a hurricane on the horizon?

Director George C. Wolfe and screenwriters Ann Peacock and John Romano adjust the material for their stars but streak it with their own brand of fake wisdom and treacle. Adrienne is now an artist who gave up her ambitions when she became a wife and mother. Paul is a professional's professional, and that's his flaw; he staked his identity on being the best doctor he could be rather than a decent husband or father. After taking care of this troublesome past business, he aims to reconnect with his idealistic doctor son (James Franco) and join him as a missionary medic.

It's very neat, and I don't mean that as a compliment. Filmmakers obviously thought was a sure-fire weepie. Except it's so thin and overcalculated that it doesn't work.

MICHAEL SRAGOW (BALTIMORE SUN)



## Nightlife Agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

### FRIDAY

Five is still shuttered, so the 'burbs are still holding it down as an option for serious underground dance music heads to get their fix. The Loda party at Gallery welcomes Carl Craig tonight. If you know techno, you know that Craig is a Mount Rushmore figure for the genre, and he continues to build on it by drawing from other styles of music. If you don't know techno, go surprise yourself by how far this is from the standard boom-chick-boom-chick-bleep-bleep cheeseball music that everyone thinks is "techno." You'll be dancing all night.

D.C.'s lesbian community is set for a really cool weekend. Tonight, DJ

India welcomes Euphoria to kick off her monthly Premium Autumn Lesbian Series, which will be at Tabaq the fourth Friday of each month. The event takes over Tabaq's whole space, from the glassed-in rooftop deck to the first-floor lounge, and it's a for-women, by-women affair with DJs and dancing from 10:30 p.m. to 3 a.m. This month's suggested dress code is "Sexy Black," and jeans and sneakers are fine. (Leave the athletic wear and do-rags at home, though.) Admission is \$10; it's free for all Libras.

### SATURDAY

If we had to rank the great Motown vocalists, it's pretty likely that Martha Reeves would edge Diana Ross out for the top spot. Nothing against Ms. Ross, because no one is ever going to argue the greatness of "You Can't Hurry Love" or "Back in My Arms Again," but we'd take Martha's rawness and enthusiasm over Diana's smooth elegance and glamour every time — at least on the dance floor. (And, that said,



**THE BOYS:** Eric Hilton and Rob Garza of Thievery Corporation are back in town.

it's hard to find a Supremes song that will get a dance floor jumping like "Nowhere to Run" or "Dancing in the Street.") The story of Mar-

tha and the Vandellas is one that includes some of the most amazing pop songs of the decade, infighting, and some tragedy, including Reeves' institutionalization after a bad acid trip. After Reeves and the Vandellas parted ways in 1972, she was elected to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1995 and, in 2005, was elected to the Detroit City Council, on which she still serves. Tonight, this living legend is performing at the Carlyle Club from 8 until 10 or so, which seems like enough time for her to cover all the hits and maybe some less-known tracks. Tickets are \$50 per person. The purchase of a meal is required for a table, and bar admission comes with a two-drink minimum. Dress code is business casual.

What haven't we said about Thievery Corporation over the years? Washington's groundbreaking electronic duo defined the "outernational" lounge music craze in the '90s, adding world-music flourishes to laid-back dub beats and creating the perfect vibe for late-night lounging — especially

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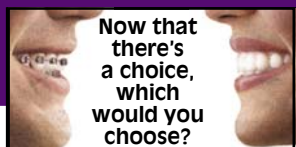
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Weekend Entertainment



**BABYLON A.D.** (PG-13, 90 minutes) Somewhere in this mess is a thriller, but it got lost in the translation from a French novel. The film is in English, but not in any coherent way. Vin Diesel stars as a mercenary named Toorop in this futuristic yarn spun in a war-ravaged world. He lives in Russia, having lost his U.S. citizenship. There are a number of impressive visuals, and Diesel, as usual, is fun to watch, but the film is a train wreck. (JH)

**BANGKOK DANGEROUS** (R, 100 minutes) Nicolas Cage, with weird hair and eyeliner, plays a loner hit man in this remake of the 1999 Thai film of the same title, again directed by the Pang brothers. The hit man tells us in an early voice-over that he prides himself on having no personal life. Uh-oh. In Bangkok to do hits for a local mob boss, he hires a 20-something pickpocket (Shahkrit Yamnarm) to



THE ROAD TO HELL IS PAVED WITH WHAT? Kate Hudson is played by two well-meaning men in "My Best Friend's Girl."

do errands and lets himself grow fond of the guy. Next, he falls in love with a deaf cashier (Charlie Young) at a pharmacy. This lowering of defenses brings trouble. With minimalist dialogue and sharp action sequences, the movie holds our

interest, but its heavily noirish style risks self-parody. (JH)

**BOTTLE SHOCK** (PG-13, 103 minutes) Perhaps the film should have been called "The Grapes of Froth," because it tells such a happy story: how the vintners of

Napa Valley won the blind tasting known as the Judgment of Paris in 1976 and put their little piece of California paradise on the world wine stage for all time. What a movie: booze, Alan Rickman and really cool pickup trucks. (SH)

**BURN AFTER READING** (R, 96 minutes) CIA analyst Osborne Cox (John Malkovich) is told that he is being demoted and transferred, in part because he has a drinking problem. Outraged, he quits, retreats to his posh Georgetown rowhouse to have a drink and tell his wife (Tilda Swinton), who is throwing a party for Sandy and Harry Pfarrer (Elizabeth Marvel and George Clooney). Harry is having an affair with Mrs. Cox. Osborne, a yacht-owning Princeton alum who's convinced he's the smartest guy in town, reacts to his career crisis by dictating his memoirs. These wind up at Hardbodies Gym and in the hands of dense personal trainer Chad Feldheimer (Brad Pitt) and his upbeat colleague Linda Litzke (Frances McDormand), who demand a little from Cox for the return of his classified material. Oh, the high-octane cast works hard. But there's nothing to suggest anybody off camera tried that hard, which is fatal to a Coen brothers outing. (NEELY TUCKER)

**THE DARK KNIGHT** (PG-13, 152 minutes) Heath Ledger's performance is a subtle, nuanced piece of acting so powerful it banishes all memories of the handsome



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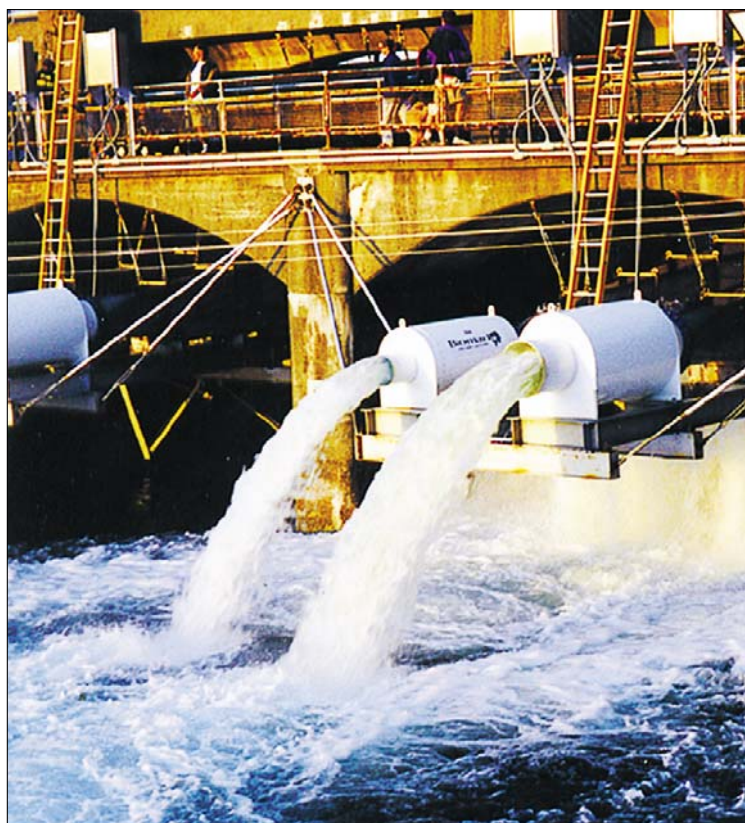


## Now Playing

Aussie behind it. He's supple of body and expressive with only his eyes, and his voice has undulations of irony and mockery and psychopathology. But when the Joker is absent, the film loses most of its energy and becomes nothing but a pretty-boy face-off between Christian Bale (Batman) and Aaron Eckhart. (SH)

**DEATH RACE** (R, 89 minutes) It may not be possible to make a film with less plot and more action without catalyzing some drastic change in the whole form, like adding that disastrous last dollop of butter to a delicate French sauce. If a movie could drag its knuckles on the ground, this one would leave eight little tracks in the sand. The film, starring Jason Statham as an ex-con, is supposedly based on the 1975 cult favorite "Death Race 2000," which involved a savage cross-country road rally in heavily armored cars. It isn't so much a movie as a superheated, highly conductive substance for the pure transmission of masculine aggression. (PK)

**FLOW** (Unrated, 84 minutes) This by



**CONSPICUOUS CONSUMPTION IS NOT COOL, GUYS:** The film "Flow" makes you think about where your water comes from, where it all goes and when it might run out.

turns lyrical and indicting testament to the importance of water and increasing attempts to privatize it lucidly conveys a coming crisis and its grassroots solution. Filmmaker Irena Salina lays out the global problem: Huge corporations (Vivendi, Suez, Nestle) have capitalized on a looming water shortage and, with the support of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, have forced poor farmers and urban dwellers to pay for "purified" water that often is anything but. By turns heartbreaking and infuriating, the film makes its case by way of persuasive witnesses, including authors, activists and even reformed former water barons. It sounds simple, but they're up against some of the most formidable corporate and government powers on Earth. The film might have benefited from opposing voices, especially from the much-maligned World Bank, but the message is as clear as its subject matter should be: There's one more thing to worry about, and you just showered in it. (AH)

**FLY ME TO THE MOON** (G, 90 minutes) The first animated movie created specifically for the 3-D format, "Fly" boasts knock-your-socks-off visuals. If only

the story lived up to the special effects. Nat, IQ and Scooter (voices of Trevor Gagnon, Philip Daniel Bolden and David Gore) are juvenile houseflies with big dreams, fueled largely by the tall tales of Nat's grandfather (Christopher Lloyd), who rode with Amelia Earhart during her solo transatlantic flight. Boys being boys — even when they're the size of raisins — they sneak onto the 1969 spacecraft carrying Neil Armstrong and crew to the moon. Needless to say, something goes wrong. (MO)

**FROZEN RIVER** (R, 97 MINUTES) As Ray Eddy, a single mother of two living in a trailer in upstate New York, Melissa Leo delivers a tough, utterly mesmerizing performance as a woman whose desperation to do right by her kids sends her on a journey all the more astonishing for being so believable. Abandoned by her husband, a compulsive gambler, and ignored for a promotion at the dollar store where she works, Ray crosses paths with Lila (Misty Upham), who lives on the nearby Mohawk reservation. To earn quick money, Lila persuades Ray to drive illegal immigrants across a frozen

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river, which won't get them into trouble as long as they stay on the rez. It comes as no shock when events spiral out of the women's control. Leo and Upham effortlessly convey the subtleties of their characters' tentative friendship, but "Frozen River" is at its best when it captures the lengths to which parents will go for their kids — and what they ask of them. (AH) **GHOST TOWN** (PG-13, 103 minutes) British comic genius Ricky Gervais plays Bertram Pincus, a misanthropic dentist who devel-

ops the ability to see dead people. One of the first ghosts he encounters is Frank (Greg Kinnear), who along with a squad of spirits needs Pincus to finish some of his earthly business. The deal: Frank will call off the rest of the otherworldly supplicants if Pincus successfully stops Frank's widow, Gwen (Téa Leoni), from remarrying. Often resembling a "Sixth Sense" with humor, Pincus embarks on a journey of self-discovery, with Gervais channeling the same clueless self-absorption that made his BBC shows "The Office" and "Extras" such hits. But the best part of the movie is watching Gervais and Leoni delight in each other in scenes that burst with spontaneity and genuine

warmth. (AH)

**A GIRL CUT IN TWO** (Unrated, 115 minutes) As TV weatherperson Gabrielle Deneige, Ludivine Sagnier is coy to the point of implosion and sexual to the point of explosion. She catches the eye of both the older author Charles Saint-Denis (François Berléand) and the unstable Paul Gaudens (Benoît Magimel). But Charles has his own peculiarities. Some are sexual. Others include his ability to philander while he maintains his devoted relationship with his gorgeous wife, Dona (Valeria Cavalli), and his platonic relationship with the spectacular Capucine (Mathilda May). Capucine is epic; Dona is womanly and dauntingly

intellectual. Gabrielle, by contrast, is a girlish sexpot, a sucker for the intimidating mind and experience of Charles, who clearly finds it easier to indulge his ego in the warm bath of youth than to rise to the challenge posed by a woman who is his equal. For all its charisma, the film lacks a certain depth. (JA)

**HAMLET 2** (R, 92 minutes) This dazzling little comedy seems, at first glance, to be having a lot of fun with the stock figures of the high school musical and inspirational teacher flicks. But Noah Sapperstein, a diminutive, ninth-grade drama critic played by Shea Pepe, quotes French literary critic Roland Barthes and all but begs you to take the film seriously as

social commentary. Sapperstein's devastating reviews target Dana Marsch (Steve Coogan), a hapless man-child and talentless actor spinning out the tail end of his high school drama fantasies into incipient middle age. (PK)

**HOUSE BUNNY** (PG-13, 98 minutes) Anna Faris plays Shelley, who has just aged out of her right to residency at the Playboy Mansion. She's 27 ("59 in Bunny years!"). And she will never realize her lifelong dream — to be a centerfold. So, poor Shelley is homeless — until she recognizes her tribe, wandering into another mansion. But she can't become a shallow, dizzy sorority girl without enrolling. She can, however, become house

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**IGOR** (PG, 86 minutes) Attempting to do with horror stereotypes and clichés what “Shrek” did with fairy tales, the film has clever moments but doesn’t come close to the polished animation, wit and originality of the big green guy. In the realm of Malaria, where it’s always a dark and stormy night, everyone plays his or her role. Every mad scientist has his Igor, whose job description is limited to lisping “Yes, Master.” But one Igor (voice of John Cusack) dreams of bettering his station by designing his own evil inven-



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(MIKE MAYO)

**LAKEVIEW TERRACE** (PG-13, 110 minutes) The perky interracial couple at the heart of the movie, Chris and Lisa Mattson (Patrick Wilson and Kerry Washington), don't generate sparks of their own. But saving the party is their flame-throwing cop next door, Abel Turner (Samuel L. Jackson). It's your standard-issue tale of an eccentric neighbor who gets weird, menacing, scary and then downright nasty. The twist here is that the ever-so-

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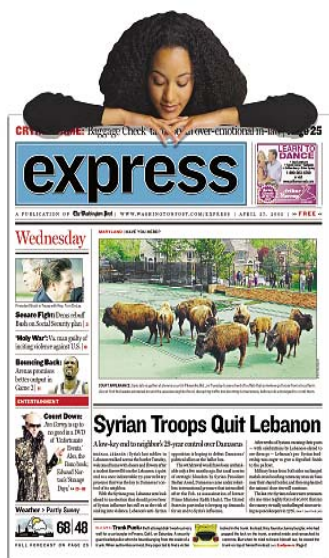
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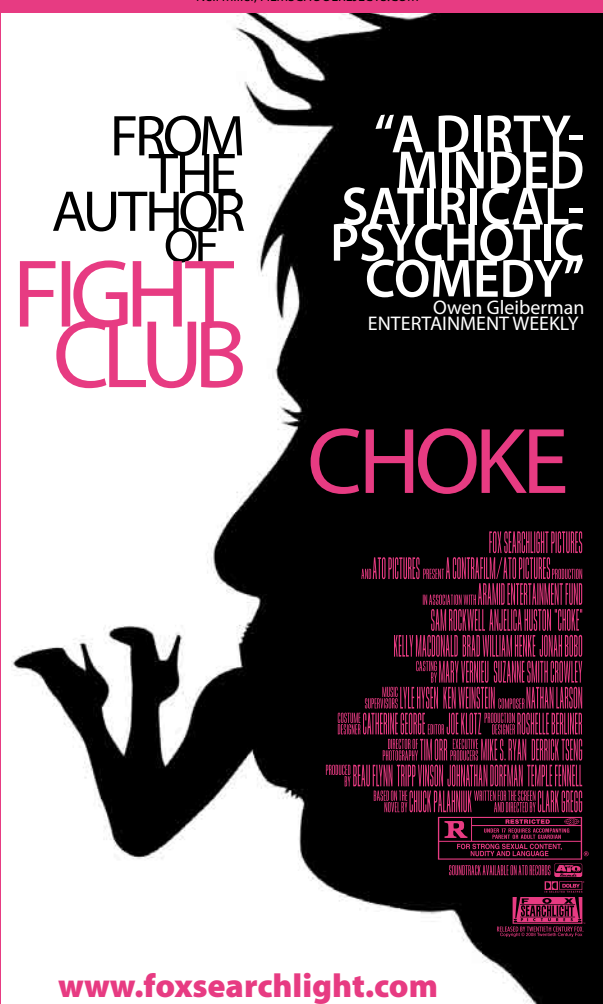
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reasonable couple being picked on is a white husband and a black wife. Their tormentor is not a white racist, but an angry black man. Chris is a grocery store executive of some sort who went to school at Berkeley. Lisa is from Oakland, a daddy's girl, privileged and pouty. Chris, shockingly, is intimidated by the big black guy next door. It isn't a bad popcorn movie, but its cardboard-cutout romance is not nearly as fresh as it thinks it is. (NT)

**THE LONGSHOTS** (PG, 94 minutes)

Jasmine Plummer (Keke Palmer) lives in the little town of Minden, Ill., and has no interest in sports. Her father is absent, and so she needs adult supervision when her mother (Tasha Smith) takes on extra hours at the diner. Jasmine's disreputable uncle Curtis (Ice Cube) is enlisted to look after her in the afternoon. When he realizes that she has a natural throwing arm and that the local Pop Warner football team is in desperate need of a quarterback, he pushes her to try out. The rest of the story follows the familiar formula closely but not slavishly. The film works so well because the sports elements are the least important. And

in a time when so many movies throw in so much casual profanity, it's heartening to see one where the characters are able to express themselves honestly and forcefully without cursing. That attitude earns the film a solid recommendation for all audiences. (MM)

**I SERVED THE KING OF ENGLAND** (R, 118 minutes) An extravagant, visually stunning feast of sensory delights, Jiri Menzel's winsome comedy, set in World War II-era Prague, pirouettes along a beguiling but treacherous line between horror and whimsy. Jan Dite (Ivan Barnev) wants only one thing in life: to be a millionaire. The film chronicles with sumptuous detail his picturesque

journey from pub to brothel to world-class hotel in Prague. As Jan comes up in the world, he turns a blind eye to the historic changes swirling around him. Jan narrates his story as a grown man (Oldrich Kaiser), having endured the consequences of his younger, callow self's dubious choices. His ethereal air of disconnection from the grubby realities of life begins to feel like something far more sinister as history raises the stakes. By one of the film's final scenes, it's clear that reflection, if not moral reckoning, is at hand. When it finally arrives, viewers could be forgiven for wondering whether it's entirely earned. (AH)

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**MAN ON WIRE** (PG-13, 94 minutes) This documentary opens with a grainy black-

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**MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRL** (PG-13, 101 minutes) Vile, exploitative, misanthropic, sexist—all are words that suit this film, which is as graphic in its sexual language as an R-rated movie can get, though less so in its depiction of sexual situations. Dane Cook plays Tank, who hires himself out to guys who pay him to date their estranged girlfriends and treat them so



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badly they come running back. Tank's roommate, Dustin (Jason Biggs), loves Alexis (Kate Hudson), but she wants to stay just friends. So, Dustin asks Tank to "date" her. This time, of course, Tank has met his match. The movie hints that Tank is damaged goods because his dad (Alec Baldwin) is also a heartless pig, but it's unconvincing. (JH)

**RIGHTEOUS KILL** (R, 100 minutes) What director Jon Avnet wants to get at is what all good veteran-cop movies get at: the acidic erosion of a good man's soul from many years of dealing with malice and murder and unpunished cruelty. When Turk (Robert De Niro) and Rooster (Al

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# Weekend Entertainment

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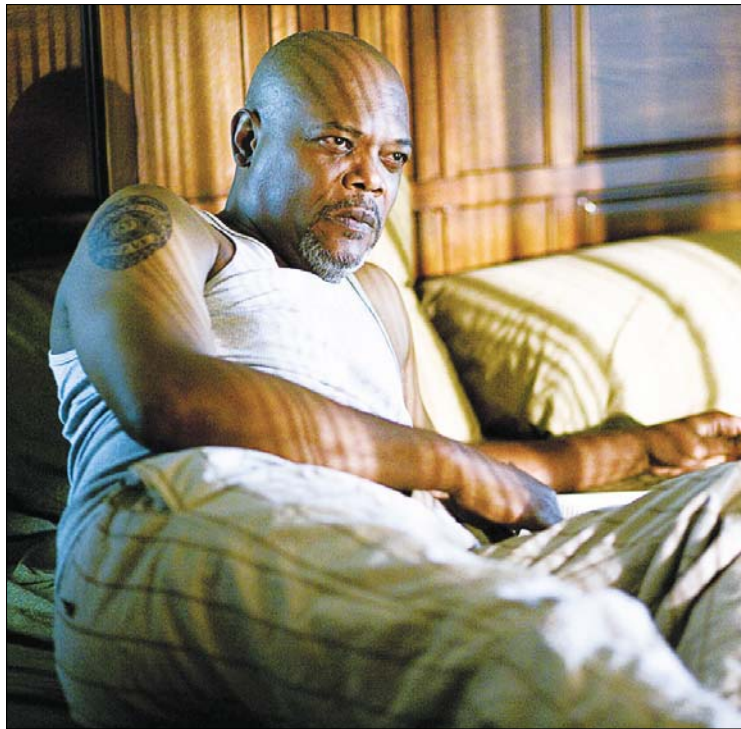
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Pacino investigate the brutal murder of a young girl by a thug who skates on the indictment because of false testimony, Turk, a simmering pot of hostility, plants a gun on the child killer and sends him away to someplace cheerful like Attica. Doing the wrong thing for the right reason: your standard moral complication. But now a vigilante serial killer is ramping justice up a notch. Someone is out there blowing away the pimps, the smirking rapists and the child molesters who are eluding prosecution. There has to be a twist in these kinds of things, and there is, although this one is not particularly twisted. (NEELY TUCKER)

**TOWELHEAD** (R, 124 minutes) Alan Ball's smart but visually troubling adaptation of Alicia Erian's 2005 novel of the same name portrays a young Lebanese American girl growing up in a soulless

Houston suburb. A little goes a long way in portraying a 13-year-old's physical awakening, particularly when much of it has to do with Mr. Vuoso (Aaron Eckhart), a married Army reservist next door who at one point asks her to strip for him. Such is life for Jesira (newcomer Summer Bishil), who is sent to live with her dad after her mother blames her for a twisted escapade that involves her mother's boyfriend shaving Jesira's just-developing body hair. Dad is Rifat Maroun (Peter Macdissi), a NASA engineer so tightly wound he wears a tie around the house. But the story is that we're watching a child be exploited, ignored or abused. It's jarring, which might be the best single word for this dark little foray into teen sex in the suburbs. (NT)

**TROPIC THUNDER** (R, 111 minutes) In this rude, crude, over-the-top satire about rude, crude, over-the-top action movies, Ben Stiller makes an ambitious and surprisingly effective bid to skewer Hollywood's darker excesses. The



AND HE WILL LAY HIS VENGEANCE UPON YOU, OR AT LEAST LET HIS DOG PEE ON YOUR LAWN: Samuel L. Jackson is the neighbor from hell in "Lakeview Terrace."

movie-within-the-movie, the eponymous "Tropic Thunder," is an adaptation of a Vietnam War memoir by Four Leaf Tayback (Nick Nolte). He's played by Tugg Speedman (Stiller), whose most critically acclaimed performance so far has been as a developmentally challenged farm boy in "Simple Jack." Speedman's co-star is five-time Oscar winner Kirk Lazarus (Robert Downey Jr.), who has undergone a "pigmentation augmentation operation" to play his black character. (AH)

**TRAITOR** (PG-13, 114 minutes) Once again, there are terrorists in our midst, and, once again, they are Muslims, hiding in sleeper cells, waiting to cause mayhem. Heroic action is needed. To save us from the terrorists? More pressing, to save us from such films as this long-winded thriller, starring Don Cheadle as a conflicted Muslim who is either an undercover U.S. operative, a ruthless killer or both. (PK)

**TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS** (PG-13, 111 minutes) Charlotte Cartwright



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(Kathy Bates), a construction-company magnate, is friends across class and color lines with Alice Pratt (Alfre Woodard), a hardworking cafe owner. They're both single moms and matriarchs at this point, naturally, and each have their hands full with their now-adult children. Charlotte's only son, William (Cole Hauser), is an ungrateful little snot who expects to be promoted at the company because Mom owns the joint. He's also a husband with a wandering eye who offers a "position" to the ambitious (and hot!) Andrea Pratt (Sanaa Lathan), Alice's daughter. The problem is, Andrea's married to the good-heart-



**THE SPY WHO WAS INCREDIBLY STUPID:** Brad Pitt in "Burn After Reading."

ed but not so bright Chris (Rockmond Dunbar), who works construction on the Big Man's site and dreams of setting up his own little company. Woodard imbues Alice with such heart, warmth and genuine affection that it is likely you will leave the theater remembering her smile, which is a lovely thing. (NEELY TUCKER)

**VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA** (PG-13, 96 minutes) Life is still meaningless, but this time we get the message from Spain's two best (and best-looking) actors, Javier Bardem and Penélope Cruz, who play Juan Antonio and Maria Elena, two divorced painters who have driven each other to attempted homicide. Their explosive relationship is reignited by Scarlett Johansson, who enters their

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**FLY ME TO THE MOON 3-D (G)** 12:25, 4:55, 9:25  
**JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH (PG)**  
(10:05 @ \$8), 2:35, 7:05, 11:35

**EAGLE EYE (PG13)** ✓ (10:00, 11:00 @ \$6), 12:50, 1:50, 3:40, 4:40, 6:30, 7:30, 9:20, 10:20, 12:20  
**MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R)** (11:35 @ \$6), 12:35, 3:05, 4:05, 6:35, 7:35, 10:00, 11:05  
**NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13)** (10:05 @ \$6), 12:30, 2:55, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10

**GHOST TOWN (PG13)** 12:40, 3:05, 5:35, 8:05, 10:40  
**IGOR (PG)** (10:45 @ \$6), 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:50, 10:05  
**LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13)** (11:15 @ \$6), 12:05, 1:55, 2:40, 4:35, 5:15, 7:15, 7:55, 9:55, 10:35  
**MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRL (R)** 12:00, 2:25, 4:55, 7:25, 9:55, 12:25  
**RIGHTEOUS KILL (R)** (10:10 @ \$6), 12:35, 3:00, 5:25, 8:00, 10:30  
**TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG13)** (11:40 @ \$6), 12:20, 2:20, 3:00, 5:00, 5:40, 7:40, 8:20, 10:20, 11:00, 12:35  
**THE WOMEN (PG13)** (11:20 @ \$6), 2:00, 4:45, 7:25  
**TRAITOR (PG13)** (10:15 @ \$6), 3:20, 8:30  
**THE HOUSE BUNNY (PG13)** 12:00, 2:20, 4:40  
**TROPIC THUNDER (R)** 12:45, 5:55, 11:10  
**THE DARK KNIGHT (PG13)** 7:00, 10:15

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**FIREPROOF (PG)** ✓ (10:15 @ \$6), 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15  
**THE LUCKY ONES (R)** (10:55 @ \$6), 1:35, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00  
**BURN AFTER READING (R)** (10:00 @ \$6), 12:25, 2:50, 5:25, 7:50, 10:25, 12:15

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**DIGITAL PRESENTATION**  
**TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG13)**  
(11:55 @ \$6), 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:50

**EAGLE EYE (PG13)** 12:10, 3:00, 5:40, 8:30, 11:15  
**MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R)** (11:45 @ \$6), 3:30, 7:00, 10:30  
**NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13)** (11:05 @ \$6), 1:35, 4:00, 6:25, 8:50, 11:10  
**GHOST TOWN (PG13)** (11:10 @ \$6), 1:45, 4:30, 7:25, 10:00  
**IGOR (PG)** (11:30 @ \$6), 2:00, 4:25, 6:50, 9:10  
**LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13)** (11:25 @ \$6), 2:50, 5:30, 8:15, 11:00  
**MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRL (R)** (11:20 @ \$6), 2:05, 4:45, 7:15, 10:15  
**RIGHTEOUS KILL (R)** (11:50 @ \$6), 2:30, 5:00, 7:50, 10:25  
**THE WOMEN (PG13)** (11:15 @ \$6), 1:55, 4:35, 7:40  
**TRAITOR (PG13)** 9:50 PM  
**THE HOUSE BUNNY (PG13)** (11:35 @ \$6), 2:20, 4:50, 7:20  
**TROPIC THUNDER (R)** 10:35 PM

**AMC SELECT**  
**CHOCO (R)** (11:40 @ \$6), 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40  
**BURN AFTER READING (R)** 12:20, 2:45, 5:10, 7:45, 10:10

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**MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R)** ✓ 12:05, 3:25, 7:00, 10:35  
**NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13)** ✓ 12:20, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15  
**GHOST TOWN (PG13)** ✓ 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45  
**GHOST TOWN (PG13)** ✓ 12:45, 3:15, 5:45, 8:15, 10:45  
**IGOR (PG)** ✓ 1:20, 3:35, 5:00, 8:05  
**LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13)** ✓ 1:35, 4:15, 6:55, 9:35  
**MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRL (R)** ✓ 2:05, 4:35, 7:05, 9:40  
**RIGHTEOUS KILL (R)** 12:30, 2:55, 5:25, 7:55, 10:40  
**TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG13)** 10:10 PM  
**THE WOMEN (PG13)** 2:00, 4:45, 7:25

**AMC SELECT**  
**BURN AFTER READING (R)** 12:40, 1:55, 3:10, 4:20, 5:35, 6:45, 8:00, 9:20, 10:30  
**CHOCO (R)** ✓ 12:25, 2:40, 5:10, 7:35, 9:55  
**THE DUCHESS (PG13)** ✓ 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00  
**VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA (PG13)** 10:25 PM

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**DIGITAL 3D**  
**FLY ME TO THE MOON 3-D (G)** (11:45 @ \$8), 2:15, 7:05  
**JOURNEY TO THE CENTER OF THE EARTH (PG)**  
4:25, 9:25

**EAGLE EYE (PG13)** ✓ (10:00 @ \$6), 12:40, 3:30, 6:20, 9:10, 12:00  
**MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R)** ✓ 1:00, 4:30, 8:00, 11:25  
**NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13)** ✓ (11:50 @ \$6), 2:20, 4:55, 7:20, 9:50  
**GHOST TOWN (PG13)** (11:15 @ \$6), 1:50, 4:35, 7:10, 9:55  
**IGOR (PG)** (11:40 @ \$6), 1:55, 4:20, 6:50, 9:15  
**LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13)** ✓ (10:30 @ \$6), 1:10, 3:50, 6:35, 9:20, 12:05

**LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13)** (11:20 @ \$6), 2:05, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10  
**MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRL (R)** ✓ 12:15, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20  
**RIGHTEOUS KILL (R)** (10:05 @ \$6), 12:35, 3:05, 5:35, 8:05, 10:35  
**TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG13)** (10:45 @ \$6), 1:20, 4:10, 6:15, 7:00, 9:00, 9:45, 11:45  
**THE WOMEN (PG13)** (10:25 @ \$6), 1:05, 3:55, 6:40, 9:30  
**THE HOUSE BUNNY (PG13)** (10:10 @ \$6), 12:50, 3:35

**AMC SELECT**  
**CHOCO (R)** 12:05, 2:30, 5:00, 7:25, 10:00  
**FIREPROOF (PG)** (10:15 @ \$6), 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:15  
**THE LUCKY ONES (R)** (11:35 @ \$6), 2:25, 5:05, 7:45, 10:25  
**BURN AFTER READING (R)** (10:00 @ \$6), 12:20, 2:45, 5:10, 7:35, 10:05

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**GHOST TOWN (PG13)** ✓ 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:10  
**LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13)** ✓ 12:00, 2:30, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00  
**MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRL (R)** ✓ 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:05  
**THE WOMEN (PG13)** 2:00, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50  
**TRAITOR (PG13)** 12:35, 3:10, 5:40, 8:10, 10:30

**AMC SELECT**  
**FIREPROOF (PG)** 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:40  
**HAMLET 2 (R)** 12:40, 2:55, 5:00, 7:20, 9:30

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**MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R)** ✓ (10:15, 11:25 @ \$6), 1:45, 2:45, 5:05, 6:10, 8:45, 9:50  
**IGOR (PG)** ✓ (10:25 @ \$6), 12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:40  
**LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13)** ✓ (10:35 @ \$6), 12:35, 1:35, 3:35, 4:35, 6:35, 7:35, 9:35, 10:35  
**RIGHTEOUS KILL (R)** (11:10 @ \$6), 1:40, 4:15, 6:40, 9:10  
**TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG13)** (10:20, 11:05 @ \$6), 12:05, 1:05, 2:05, 3:05, 4:05, 5:05, 6:05, 7:05, 8:05, 9:05, 10:05, 10:45  
**TRAITOR (PG13)** 7:10, 9:40  
**THE LONGSHOTS (PG)** (11:50 @ \$6), 2:20, 4:50

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**MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R)** 2:20, 5:40, 9:00  
**TOWELHEAD (R)** 2:10, 5:00, 7:40, 10:10  
**AMC SELECT**  
**BURN AFTER READING (R)** 1:30, 2:30, 4:10, 4:50, 7:10, 7:50, 9:30, 10:00  
**VICKY CRISTINA BARCELONA (PG13)** 1:50, 4:30, 7:00, 9:10  
**BOTTLE SHOCK (PG13)** 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:20  
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### LOEWS UPTOWN 1

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**EAGLE EYE (PG13)** 12:00, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:40

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**EAGLE EYE (PG13)** ✓ (10:30 @ \$6), 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:50, 12:35  
**MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R)** ✓ 1:25, 4:00, 7:30, 10:55  
**NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13)** ✓ (9:50 @ \$6), 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15, 12:40  
**GHOST TOWN (PG13)** ✓ (10:05 @ \$6), 12:40, 3:10, 5:45, 8:20, 10:50  
**IGOR (PG)** ✓ (10:10 @ \$6), 12:25, 2:50, 5:05, 7:30, 9:45, 11:55  
**LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13)** ✓ (11:10 @ \$6), 1:50, 4:40, 7:35, 10:20, 1:00  
**MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRL (R)** ✓ (11:00 @ \$6), 1:45, 4:25, 7:15, 9:55, 12:25

**RIGHTEOUS KILL (R)** (9:55 @ \$6), 12:30, 3:00, 5:25, 7:10, 8:05, 10:35  
**RIGHTEOUS KILL (R)** 12:30, 3:00, 5:25, 8:05, 10:35  
**TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG13)** (10:35 @ \$6), 1:25, 4:05, 7:05, 9:40, 12:30  
**THE WOMEN (PG13)** (10:50 @ \$6), 1:35, 4:35, 7:40, 10:25  
**TRAITOR (PG13)** (10:55 @ \$6), 1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10:00  
**THE HOUSE BUNNY (PG13)** (10:25 @ \$6), 12:50, 3:20, 5:40, 8:10, 10:40  
**TROPIC THUNDER (R)** (11:20 @ \$6), 2:00, 4:45, 7:25, 10:10, 12:45  
**THE DARK KNIGHT (PG13)** 12:20, 3:45, 6:35

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**NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13)** ✓ 1:55, 4:35, 7:15, 9:45  
**GHOST TOWN (PG13)** ✓ 1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40  
**LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13)** ✓ 2:00, 4:40, 7:30, 10:10  
**RIGHTEOUS KILL (CLUB CINEMA)** (R) 7:20, 9:50  
**RIGHTEOUS KILL (R)** 2:10, 4:50  
**TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG13)** 2:30, 5:00  
**TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (CLUB CINEMA)** (PG13) 7:40, 10:15  
**THE WOMEN (PG13)** 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 10:05

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**EAGLE EYE (PG13)** ✓ (10:45 @ \$6), 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45, 12:30  
**MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R)** ✓ (9:30 @ \$6), 12:55, 4:25, 8:05, 11:35  
**NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13)** ✓ (9:40 @ \$6), 12:05, 3:05, 5:25, 7:55, 10:25  
**GHOST TOWN (PG13)** ✓ (10:00 @ \$6), 12:35, 3:05, 5:35, 8:00, 10:35  
**IGOR (PG)** ✓ (10:15 @ \$6), 12:25, 2:40, 4:50, 7:05, 9:15, 11:30  
**LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13)** ✓ (9:35 @ \$6), 12:15, 2:55, 5:40, 8:10, 11:00  
**LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13)** (11:10 @ \$6), 1:50, 4:35, 7:10, 9:50, 12:25  
**MY BEST FRIEND'S GIRL (R)** ✓ (10:25 @ \$6), 12:50, 3:20, 5:50, 8:15, 10:40  
**RIGHTEOUS KILL (R)** (9:50 @ \$6), 12:10, 2:45, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10  
**TYLER PERRY'S THE FAMILY THAT PREYS (PG13)** (11:25 @ \$6), 2:05, 4:45, 7:25, 10:05, 12:35  
**THE WOMEN (PG13)** (11:45 @ \$6), 2:25, 5:05, 7:40  
**BANGKOK DANGEROUS (R)** 10:15 PM  
**THE HOUSE BUNNY (PG13)** (11:00 @ \$6), 5:00, 10:45  
**TROPIC THUNDER (R)** (11:45 @ \$6), 2:25, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15  
**THE DARK KNIGHT (PG13)** 1:40, 7:30

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**CHOCO (R)** (10:20 @ \$6), 12:40, 2:50, 5:15, 7:35, 10:00, 12:15  
**FIREPROOF (PG)** (9:45 @ \$6), 12:45, 4:00, 7:15, 10:20  
**THE LUCKY ONES (R)** (11:40 @ \$6), 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30  
**BURN AFTER READING (R)** (10:10 @ \$6), 12:30, 3:15, 5:50, 8:15, 10:40

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**MIRACLE AT ST. ANNA (R)** 2:45, 7:00, 10:15  
**NIGHTS IN RODANTHE (PG13)** 2:00, 4:15, 7:10, 9:35  
**GHOST TOWN (PG13)** 2:10, 4:35, 7:30, 9:55  
**LAKEVIEW TERRACE (PG13)** 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50  
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## Weekend | Entertainment

### Now Playing

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lives as Cristina, an American spending her summer in Barcelona. (DAN ZACK)

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**THE WOMEN** (PG-13, 114 minutes) This remake of George Cukor's sparkling 1939 all-female comedy set in New York City falls flat at every turn. Given its cast — which includes Meg Ryan, Annette Bening, Eva Mendes, Cloris Leachman and Bette Midler — this is nothing short of amazing. Ryan plays Mary Haines, the girl next door living in blissful ignorance of her husband's



**IT'S CALLED A REMAKE BECAUSE IT'S AWFUL THIS TIME AROUND:** Meg Ryan and Candace Bergen relax and pretend not to hate each other in "The Women."

infidelity. Bening stars as Mary's best friend, Sylvia Fowler. Bening has been given the broadest sitcom laugh lines. But she doesn't go for laughs. She wants to be loved. (PK)



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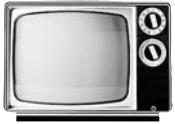
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**AMERICA LOVES FOOTBALL & KYRA SEDGWICK:** Monday's Philadelphia Eagles and Dallas Cowboys game on ESPN drew 18.6 million viewers, topping the ratings for Sept. 15-21. Second up was TNT's "The Closer," with 7.62 million.

# Television

## ON TV THIS WEEKEND

### AN OLYMPIC NOSTALGIA FIX

Olympic favorites Nastia Liukin, Shawn Johnson, Alicia Sacramone and many others make their first post-Beijing TV appearances on **2008 TOUR OF GYMNASTICS SUPERSTARS** (8 p.m., Fri., MYNetwork).

### WHERE ARE MY DOGS?

Rescue and redemption on two episodes of **THE DOG WHISPERER** (8 p.m., Fri., National Geographic).

### TO DEBATE OR NOT TO DEBATE

That is the question. Jim Lehrer is scheduled to moderate a debate between presidential candidates John McCain and Barack Obama — if they both agree to show up, of course (9 p.m., Fri., ABC, CBS, NBC, PBS, CNN, Fox News, MSNBC, BBC America, CSPAN, Telemundo).

### WHITE HOUSE NOT MENTIONED

**WORLD'S CREEPIEST DESTINATIONS** (9 p.m., Fri., Travel) visits the Lizzie Borden Bed and Breakfast and other tourist destinations with grim pedigrees. Aren't you inspired to go somewhere now?



**FODDER-OP:** The economy tanked to give Chris Rock material for his HBO show.

### HE'S OUT TO WIN MORE FANS

Lance Armstrong, Kristen Wiig and TV on the Radio appear on **LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN** (11:35 p.m., Fri., CBS).

### CROSS-POLLINATION LOVE FEST

**CROSSROADS** (8 p.m., Sat., CMT) offers a joint concert by 38 Special and Trace Adkins. These events combine musical cross-pollination, mutual admiration and

popular hits from both artists.

### HE'S BACK AND STILL ANGRY

**CHRIS ROCK: KILL THE MESSENGER** (9 p.m., Sat., HBO) marks the comedian's return to the premium network.

### SHE'S SSS-MOKING HOT

Brooke Burns stars as a firefighter turned smoke jumper in the 2008 Canadian drama **TRIAL BY FIRE** (9 p.m., Sat., Lifetime).

**OLYMPIANS ARE EVERYWHERE** Olympic Gold Medalist Natalie Coughlin guest-stars on **ICARLY** (9 p.m., Sat., Nickelodeon).

### A GREAT TV SHOW FOR A DATE

Toxic worms from the past infest a skyscraper on **PRIMEVAL** (9 p.m., Sat., BBC America).

### SHE'S BETTER THAN PHELPS

Anna Farris hosts **SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE** (11:30 p.m., Sat., NBC), featuring musical guest Duffy.

### THEY'RE STILL HANGIN' TOUGH

**BEHIND THE MUSIC** (8 p.m., Sun., VH1) profiles the New Kids on the Block, followed by a performance of three songs.

### DID THEY GO DURING CARNIVAL?

**THE AMAZING RACE** (8 p.m., Sun., CBS) enters its 13th season with a trip to Brazil.

### LOOK OUT, KRUSTY THE CLOWN

Homer and Flanders become bounty hunters on **THE SIMPSONS** (8 p.m., Sun., Fox).

### HAVE THE TISSUES HANDY

A sister adopts a widow's brood on **EXTREME MAKEOVER: HOME EDITION** (8 p.m., ABC).

### SOMEONE BITE HIM, ALREADY



**FLIPPING OUT:** See Shawn Johnson on "2008 Tour of Gymnastics Superstars."

Jason falls under suspicion again on **TRUE BLOOD** (9 p.m., Sun., HBO).

**TOO BAD HE GETS FLEAS** Brian finds a soul mate on **FAMILY GUY** (9 p.m., Sun., Fox).

**AS ANNOYING AS EVER** Lynette says too much on **DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES** (9 p.m., Sun., ABC).

**SHOW TITLE MAKES SENSE** The advertising life catches up to Freddy on **MAD MEN** (10 p.m., Sun., AMC). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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→ *Prince William County Fairgrounds, 10624 Dumfries Road, Manassas; Sat. & Sun., 11 a.m.-6 p.m. both days, \$20-\$25; 703-823-1768.*



## 4 Kill Your Thousands of Electronics

OK, bookworms: This is your day. In a world of nonstop audio-visual stimulation, of iPods and inescapable noise, this event is for those of us who still read those timeless tomes they call books. Of course, it's, um, all gotten very high-tech over the past couple of years (you can listen to podcasts of featured authors on the official Web site), but still, at its heart, this festival is about the written word. *K.E.*

→ *National Mall between 3rd and 7th streets, Sat., 10 a.m., free; 202-707-5000. (Smithsonian)*



## 5 Steal These Tickets

Sold-out shows might seem like a useless thing to advertise, but with tickets — as with anything else — where there's a will, there's a way. Plus, this one is too good not to mention. I saw '80s-esque band Cut Copy at the Black Cat a couple months ago, and the kind of dancing that ensued was pretty abnormal for a D.C. crowd. *K.E.*

→ *9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Fri., 8 p.m., however much they cost on Craigslist.com; 202-265-0930. (U St.-Cardozo)*

## Under the Sea!

It's always exciting when a new Smithsonian exhibit opens. This one happens to coincide with the National Book Festival, which is inconvenient, but a rainy forecast means that when it starts to drizzle, you can flee inside and check out the Museum of Natural History's new Ocean Hall. It turns out that what's under the sea is fascinating — also, there's a giant whale hanging over the whole thing, which is pretty awesome. It'll be family- and geek-friendly. *F.Z.*

→ *National Museum of Natural History, 10th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; opens Sat., free; 202-633-1000. (Smithsonian)*



## dine&dash



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## Beware: Here There Be Thaigers

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# top stops WEEKEND



## She's a Big Country Deal

Ever gone through a country music phase? Or, is your life just one long country music phase? I'm in the former category myself, and during my stint as a down-home gal, I came across Martina McBride (you really can't miss her on the Nashville scene). She has one of the truly remarkable voices in her genre. If pop-country is what you dig, Nissan Pavilion is where you should be on Saturday. *K.E.*

→ *Nissan Pavilion, 7800 Cellar Door Drive, Bristow; Sat., 6:30 p.m., \$29-\$59; 202-397-7328.*

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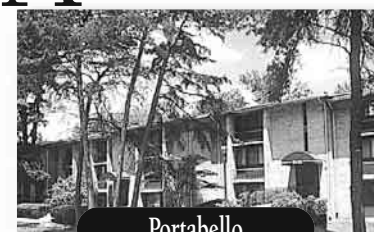
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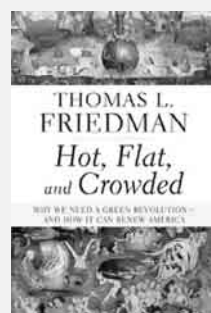
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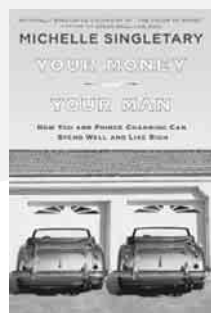
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### A New York exhibit pays tribute to classic kids' book hero Babar

Once upon a time, a woman who belonged to an illustrious French publishing family was trying to get her two young sons to go to sleep.

Perhaps sensing the fascination children have with very large animals, she told them about a baby elephant who had lived an idyllic life in the jungle, adored by his mother, until one day, she was shot by a hunter.

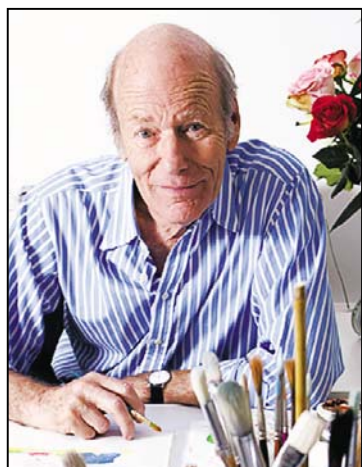
Overcome with grief, the orphaned elephant ran away to a city (which bore an uncanny resemblance to Paris), and there he met a woman who showered him with gifts, including a suit "of a becoming shade of green."

So began the adventures of Babar, the beloved protagonist of nearly four dozen children's books and now the subject of a small, charming exhibit at New York's Morgan Library & Museum that runs until Jan. 4.

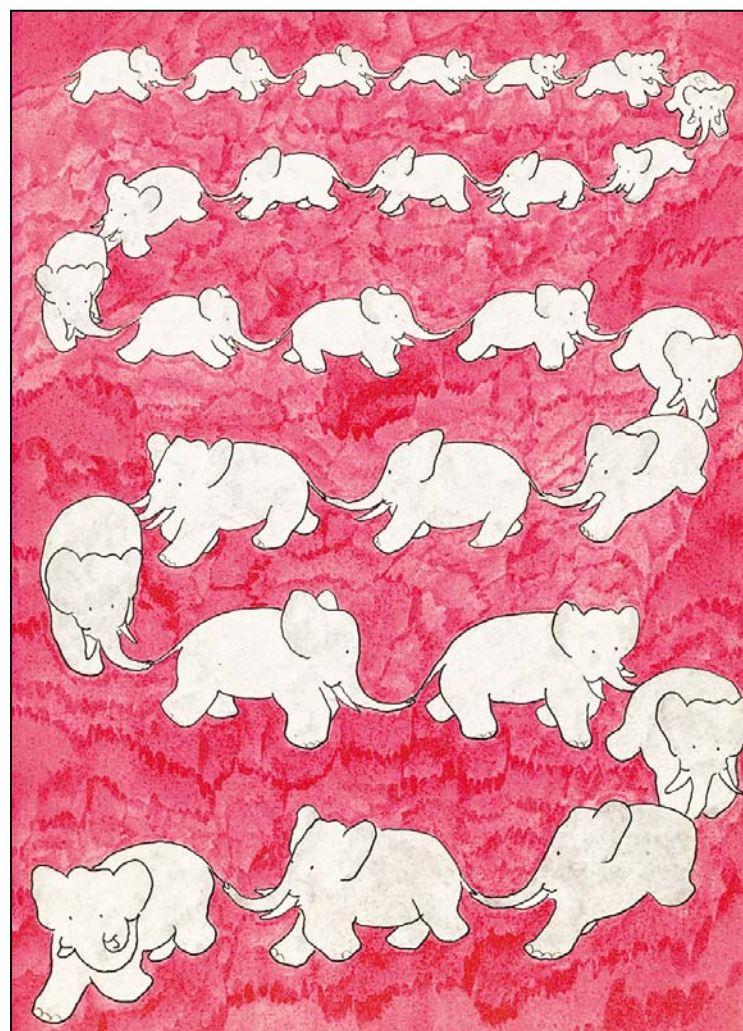
It turns out that the woman who told that bedtime story, Cecile de Brunhoff, was married to a painter whose family consisted of well-connected publishers. Her husband, Jean de Brunhoff, transformed the bare-bones tale his wife told their sons into one of the best-loved children's books of all time, "The Story of Babar, the Little Elephant."

Jean de Brunhoff wrote six more Babar stories after the first one was published in 1931 before dying at age 37 of spinal tuberculosis. Several years after his death in 1937, the family franchise was taken over by the de Brunhoff's eldest son, Laurent, who had listened to the bedtime story for the first time as a child of 5.

Now 83 and living in New York, Laurent de Brunhoff, also a painter,



**LITERARY GIANTS:** Laurent de Brunhoff, 83, the son of Babar creators Cecile and Jean de Brunhoff, followed in his parents' footsteps, writing 37 children's books that transported the famous elephant and his family all over the world. Early sketches and illustrations, right, from the de Brunhoffs' Babar books are now on display at the Morgan Library & Museum in New York.



s'achète :



**“It's very rare to have such a complete record of a work we know so well.”**

**CHRISTINE NELSON,**  
MORGAN LIBRARY CURATOR

# One Unforgettable Elephant

has written 37 more Babar books that have transported the elephant and his family all over the world and even into outer space. Several years ago, Babar ventured into the realm of fitness with "Babar's Yoga for Elephants."

In 2004, the Morgan Library, which is known for its collection of rare books and manuscripts, acquired nearly all the working drafts for Jean de Brunhoff's first book and drawings for the first book written by his son, "Babar's Cousin: That Rascal Arthur," published in 1946.

One gallery is devoted to the father's work and another to the son's. In each of the rooms, pages from the

published books are displayed next to earlier drafts and sketches, highlighting each man's painstaking editorial and artistic process.

"It's very rare to have such a complete record of a work we know so well," said Christine Nelson, the Morgan's curator of literary and historical manuscripts.

For Nelson, the nursery story characters who Cecile de Brunhoff invented for her children one evening have become much more than just literary creations.

Babar, she says, "is a book about coming of age, behaving properly, living well and assuming responsibility — in short, an adult story."

ANN LEVIN (AP)

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## BOOKS

### Let's Talk About Text

Some of our favorite authors are descending upon D.C. for this year's National Book Festival, sponsored by the Library of Congress. Arion Berger, Christopher Porter and Meg Zamula caught up with four of the writers before they touch down for Saturday's book frenzy. | ONLINE NOW



## MUSIC

### Kids With Amplifiers

They have blog buzz, played the late-night talk-show circuit and have a top-five record in the U.K., but Black Kids are still nervous about their first major U.S. tour. Jason Koebler spoke with Dawn Watley, one of the band's two keyboardists, who take the stage at Black Cat Friday. | ONLINE NOW

## FESTIVAL

### Plug in, Tune Down

On the outer edges of D.C.'s music scene is a network of rebellious noisemakers and improvisers. It's timely, then, that the Sonic Circuits Festival of Experimental Music should return to the nation's capital on Sunday. Johnathan Rickman explores the scene. | ONLINE NOW



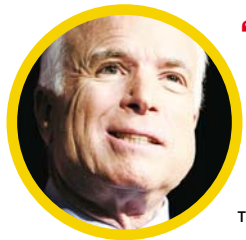
## comment board

**“Seriously,** please explain to me what McCain will be doing this Friday night that will help the economy. Either he's running for president or he's not.”

**COMMENTER PMMJ,** WHO ADDED, “IF HE WANTS TO DROP OUT, GO AHEAD. BUT AS PRESIDENT, HE'D HAVE TO MULTITASK.”

**“One could say** either way, both are playing politics. The vote for the bailout is going to happen either way, with or without the two senators' voting.”

**COMMENTER CONCERNED,** WHO ADDED, “I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY CONCERNING THEIR PLAN FOR AMERICA.”



**“No, he's not.** McCain has a track record of putting the good of the country before his personal political gains. Obama, on the other hand, only thinks about his political career.”

**COMMENTER MZ,** RESPONDING TO THURSDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, “IS JOHN MCCAIN PLAYING POLITICS BY SEEKING TO DELAY FRIDAY'S PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE?”

## poll center

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

IS JOHN MCCAIN PLAYING POLITICS BY SEEKING TO DELAY FRIDAY'S PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE?

**YES 73%**

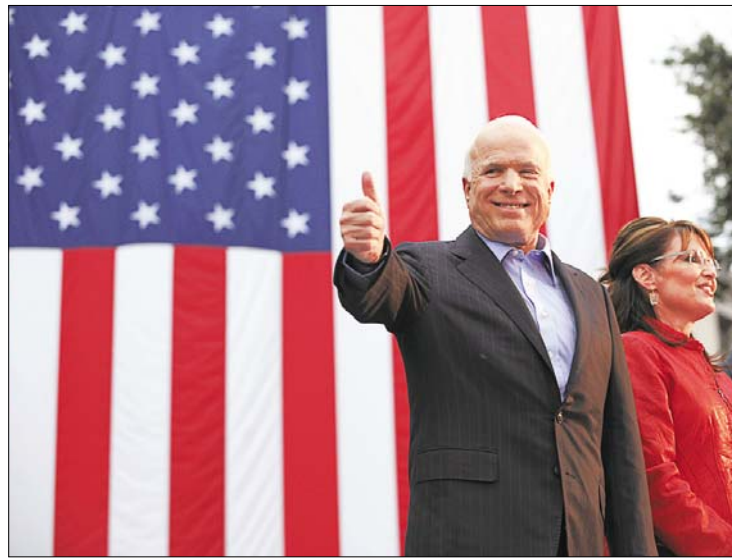
**NO 27%**

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# Blog LOG

“Alanis Morissette's ‘Jagged Little Pill’ album loses all its angry-girl credibility [when] you know the songs are about Joey from ‘Full House.’”

**PRETTYASHLEY.COM** LOST SOME RESPECT FOR THE CANADIAN SINGER RECENTLY, ADDING, “I COULD NEVER IMAGINE BEING SO IN LOVE WITH JOEY THAT I'D CRY IN HIS SHOWER.”



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**“Keep your mouth shut and wave the flag. Period. That is the McCain-Palin campaign in a nutshell.”**

**NOTIONSCAPITAL.WORDPRESS.COM** ADDS, “REMEMBER, ‘FREEDOM OF SPEECH’ MEANS FREEDOM TO SHUT UP AND KEEP VOTERS IN HAPPY IGNORANCE. THAT'S THE NEW AMERICAN WAY.”



**“THE CABBAGE** was the best part of the meal. In fact, it was outrageously good. Never again will I belittle these little green heads of goodness. I'm hoping for another cabbage in this week's CSA crate.”

**LOOKING2LIVE.BLOGSPOT.COM** HAD A RECENT CHANGE OF HEART ABOUT THE LEAFY GARDEN PLANT, ADDING, “I ALWAYS ASSOCIATED CABBAGE WITH POVERTY.”

**“As a soccer referee, this freaks me out.** Who is the first person players, coaches and parents get angry at during soccer games? It's not the ice cream truck guy!”

**SEANRAMBLINGS.BLOGSPOT.COM** DOES NOT WANT TO HAVE A RUN-IN WITH THE LEBANON, PA., WOMAN WHO RECENTLY HAD HER CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT REVOKED FOR CARRYING A GUN AT HER DAUGHTER'S SOCCER GAME.

## Discussions

### NASA Anniversary

**WAYNE HALE,** deputy associate administrator for strategic partnerships at NASA, and Washington Post staff writer Marc Kaufman were online to discuss the future of NASA, as the U.S. space agency celebrates its 50th anniversary.

**Is not the future of NASA in unmanned space exploration? Unless we can figure out how to transport humans near or faster than the speed of light, that's the only way to explore beyond our solar system.**

Those are somewhat unrelated. Even robotic exploration of planets beyond our solar system are impractical when our propulsion systems only get us to a fraction of

light speed. The real future for the next few generations is to explore and populate our solar system. That is plenty to keep us busy.

**Isn't NASA's plan of having four people at a time on the moon insufficient to start lunar industrialization and so will lead nowhere, just like Apollo?**

Of course, if we are permanently limited to only four people at a time, that would put severe constraints on what we could accomplish. However, the Constellation plan is based on an outpost concept. Over time, these outposts will grow. This will be a bootstrap operation and, over time, will lead to a bigger cadre and encourage private industry to come on board. Exactly where the tipping point will be to become self-sufficient — or at least a net exporter — will become clearer as we go.

**I am 33 years old. Assuming I've got another 50 years left, what is the likelihood that I will see a human set foot on Mars in my lifetime?**

I'm 54 years old, and I am confident I will live to see a human set foot on Mars. The only question is which nation will send him/her!

**What effect will the current financial crisis and proposed bailout have on the NASA budget?**

We certainly don't know the answer yet to this question, but I have to assume the impact could well be great. In addition, if we enter a deep recession, tax revenue will decline, already huge budget deficits will grow, and the needs of out-of-work people will be enormous.

**TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS:** Post movie critic Ann Hornaday discusses her review of Spike Lee's World War II film “Miracle at St. Anna” at 12:30 p.m. | [washingtonpost.com/discussions](http://washingtonpost.com/discussions).

### Bizarro | Dan Piraro



### Cornered | Mike Baldwin



"In your defense, I see you're not very bright. Most folks take the elevator."

### Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan



### Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



### The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



## Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** You want to run away from a developing situation, but it's important to turn and face it as directly as possible. Trust a friend's advice.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** You may actually be frightened of impulses that are exerting unusual pressure on you. You needn't do what you don't want to do.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** You can get an early start and leave yourself more time for personal affairs later on. You needn't sacrifice everything for financial gain.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Give yourself all the opportunities you can to do something that others have only half-done. You have the chance to make a name for yourself.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Though you want to involve yourself in someone else's project, you know better than to intrude when all signs tell you to hang back.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** Something you observe quite by accident is likely

to have you making a surprising decision come nightfall. You may be on a new road very soon.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Give someone a little more leeway and you'll be thanked for doing just the right thing at the right time. Then, concentrate on yourself.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** It may be difficult for you to keep yourself in shape throughout the day, but it's very important for you to be ready for anything that comes along.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** The sooner you start on a new project, the sooner you'll realize that you know precisely what you're doing.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** You may find yourself waiting for something that is actually quite vague and uncertain. Still, you know that patience will pay off.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Something new is happening to you at this time, and you don't want to underestimate its power. You can impress others with your tenacity.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Your desires may be running away with you at this time. Employ self-control, or you may find that a personal relationship is threatened.

## Letters

### Metro Outrage Unwarranted

**I DON'T QUITE** understand the shock over Metro's recent budget request ("Catoe: Metro Needs \$11.3B," Sept. 23). How else do you think Metro or any other agency like it receives funds? They must request them, and thus begins the negotiation before

an actual amount is settled on. I, for one, would like to see the details of the request and how Metro has handled its past budgets. In a week in which the White House is asking for \$700 billion to bail out our failing economy, it's shocking to see so much outrage over \$11.3 billion for Metro. I think a little perspective is needed.

—KATHERINE COOK  
Alexandria, Va.

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## Today in History

**1789** Thomas Jefferson is appointed America's first secretary of state.

**1892** John Philip Sousa and his newly formed band perform publicly for the first time, at the Stillman Music Hall in Plainfield, N.J.

**1955** Following word that President Eisenhower has suffered a heart attack, the New York Stock Exchange sees its worst price decline since 1929.

**1957** "West Side Story" opens on Broadway.



Nixon and Kennedy debate in 1960.

**1960** The first televised debate between presidential candidates takes place as John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon face off in Chicago before a national audience.



# LOOK out

## People



Regis loses to another guy in diapers.

### CONTESTS

#### More Embarrassing: Ryan Seacrest Took Second Place

**REGIS PHILBIN** has lost the "Best Regis" award yet again. And this time, it's personal: The winner is Philbin's infant grandson, William Xavier. The 77-year-old talk-show host and award creator lost for the fifth straight year. (AP)

### VINTAGE

#### Pre-Internet Porn Valuable!

Photographer Bert Stern is suing to force the return of seven nude and seminude photos of **MARILYN MONROE**. Court papers say Stern loaned them to the now-defunct Eros magazine, but they weren't returned. He seeks \$700,000 in repayment. (AP)



### DESPERATION

## Heeeere's Money!

**ED MCMAHON**, the 85-year-old former "Tonight Show" sidekick, will star in two viral rap videos for Freecreditreport.com, a financial Web site. The videos feature McMahon wearing a tracksuit, being chauffeured around Los Angeles in a Escalade golf cart and waxing lyrical about his very public financial troubles. "I knew I could sing the blues, but I didn't know I could rap," he said. (AP)

### MAGIC

#### Now, Only His Head Is Hanging

Magician **DAVID BLAINE** is unhappy with how he ended his latest stunt: hanging upside-down without a net high over Central Park for 60 hours. Blaine said his grand finale of diving from a platform 44 feet to the ground while attached to a har-



Blaine is even more creepy upside down.

ness didn't go according to plan. He was supposed to jump and, at 10 feet, be swept away by a bunch of helium-filled balloons. Instead, he dangled awkwardly for a moment before disappearing in an ascent into the night sky. (AP)

### ADDITIONS

#### Rhymes Story Gets Ludacris

**BUSTA RHYMES** was detained at London City Airport by immigration officers, who said their refusal was based on "unresolved convictions" in the United States. The rapper remained in custody in London while RockCorps — the nonprofit for



whom Rhymes was to perform — took legal steps to try to reverse the decision. Rhymes has been allowed into Britain twice this year. **LUDACRIS** said he'll perform in Rhymes' place in London. (AP)

### COUPLES

#### I Kissed a Girl, I Liked It, but Not Enough to Marry Her

"I gave her a ring. It's not an engagement ring, but it's to show that I'm committed and ready to take things to the next level. Not the next, next level, but the next level." — **TRAVIS MCCOY**, frontman for Gym Class Heroes, on being head over heels in love with singer **KATY PERRY**. (AP)

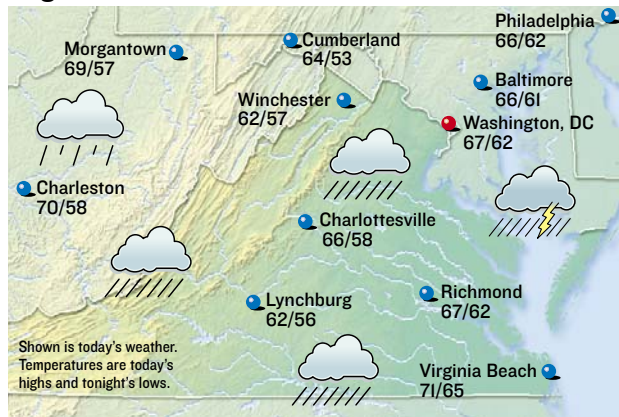


Travis' explanation made him laugh, too.

### 5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Rainy, breezy, cool	Cloudy, periods of rain, drizzle	Variably cloudy, few showers	Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Partly sunny
67°	62°	76° / 61°	81° / 62°	80° / 62°	76° / 60°

### Regional Weather



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### Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

#### Temperature

High	65°
Low	59°
Normal high	76°
Normal low	58°
Average humidity	68%

#### Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.06"
Month to date	4.17"
Normal month to date	3.19"
Year to date	37.72"
Last year to date	21.64"
Normal year to date	29.56"

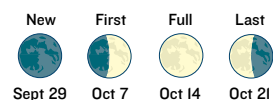
For up-to-the-minute weather, see: [washingtontimes.com/weather](http://washingtontimes.com/weather)

### Regional Forecast

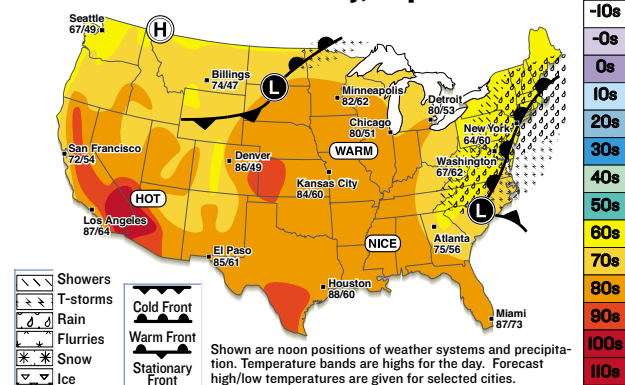
**D.C. Metro:** Today, cloudy, breezy, cool, rain. High 67. Wind northeast 10-20 mph. Tonight, periods of rain, drizzle. Low 62. Wind northeast 12-25 mph.

### Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:00 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:58 p.m.
Moonrise today	4:01 a.m.
Moonset today	5:33 p.m.



### National Weather for Friday, September 26



### National Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Atlanta	75/56/pc	79/62/pc
Boston	58/55/r	66/58/r
Chicago	80/51/s	79/55/pc
Dallas	89/62/s	90/62/s
Denver	86/49/s	81/52/pc
Honolulu	87/74/s	88/73/s
Los Angeles	87/64/s	84/64/pc
Miami	87/73/pc	88/75/t
New York City	64/60/r	68/64/r
Orlando	86/65/pc	88/68/s
Seattle	67/49/c	67/49/pc

### World Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Amsterdam	63/46/pc	63/48/s
Athens	75/60/pc	69/60/c
Berlin	63/51/s	67/52/pc
Buenos Aires	70/57/s	73/61/s
Calgary	55/36/c	63/36/pc
Dublin	61/46/s	63/48/pc
Geneva	65/44/pc	65/44/s
Moscow	52/36/pc	46/37/r
Rome	67/50/pc	70/50/pc
Sydney	77/57/s	82/61/s
Tokyo	86/68/t	75/63/pc

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.



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# face<sup>QA</sup>time

■ **A wok turned into** a table. Rosebuds frozen inside ice cubes. Walls decked with place mat "art." Such high-impact, low-cost design ideas fill decor guru Jonathan Fong's popular books and TV appearances. The energetic style expert headlines at the Remodeling & Home Decor Show Sept. 26-28 at Dulles Expo Center (Capitalhomeshow.com).

#### Describe your decorating style.

One person nailed it when they said I was like Andy Warhol meets Martha Stewart. I go for high-impact and a wow factor. All of my rooms have to have a conversation piece in them. Like, I did a room in a show house recently where I hung a halo of flowers above the bed.

#### Your books all have the word "wow" in their titles. What does that mean in your decor projects?

For me, "wow" means that it's really dramatic, simple to do and affordable.

#### What's the secret to cheap-chic decor?

Doing it yourself. If you do things on your own, it's satisfying and simpler than hiring someone.

#### How do you get inspiration for your sometimes wacky projects?

I'll go to atypical places, like the hardware store or the flea market. Then I walk the aisles looking at things that weren't meant for home decor and repurpose them.

#### What sort of projects result?

I covered a wall in aluminum lashing that I got at the hardware store for, like, \$15 for a 25-foot roll. And I went to Bed Bath & Beyond and bought all these great place mats, then realized I didn't have enough dinner parties to warrant them. So, I drilled holes in them and hung them up on the wall.

#### You also throw stylish parties. What's your secret?

For me, parties are an extension



JESSICA BOONE

## Jonathan Fong

HOME DECOR PRO, PARTY THROWER

of decorating. Your dining room table is a great canvas to decorate with. But I'm not a great cook, so my parties aren't really about food. I serve food from Costco or Trader Joe's and then have a memorable table.

#### So, what does a memorable table look like?

Last Thanksgiving, I did a French

flea market party. I put old picture frames around the place settings and decorated within them, like scrapbooking. I used vintage postcards and mismatched plates. Then my place cards were on mini-easels from the art store.

#### What can lazier people do to improve the look of their bashes?

Sometimes it's just about doing one

"Thanks to floral foam, I can make flower animals, like a carnation bunny."

thing to elevate your party. Like, have one coffee table filled with candles, or fill a vase with flowers. When people walk into your home for a party, it should look a little different than usual.

#### You're big on flowers, too?

I think flowers are nature's paint. You can do anything with them. Thanks to floral foam, I can make different flower animals, like a carnation bunny for Easter or a spider out of mums for Halloween.

#### Any flower suggestions for Election Day?

Take a box frame and make a flag using red, white and blue mums. It's nice, patriotic and bipartisan.

JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)



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## The Message Bag

**TOTING AN ETCH A SKETCH** around with you is cool. That is, if you're still in grade school. But Jellio's new Slate Bags (\$75, Jellio.com) boast the same jot-as-you-go, draw-what-you-want fun, but on a messenger sack you can load with adult toys (a laptop, a mini breathalyzer). A stylus is included; use it to scrawl graffiti, love notes or whatever on the magical screen. You may miss the satisfaction of turning little knobs, though.

## Grab Bag



## Fatigue Is Flattering

This gumball-size weapon is winning the war on late, late nights. Tucked inside a camo-colored tube comes a magic bullet called PowderFlage (\$28, Sephora.com), a new concealer set from Benefit. The rose-colored casing is packed with feather-light powder; dust it under the eyes to diffuse light, sugar it atop cream concealer and minimize dark circles. Sweep more pixie dust across furrowed brows to diminish wrinkles. It's a weapon of mass distraction.



## Worldly Good Taste

**GLOBAL DECOR** — Chinese lanterns, French flag colors, what seem to be old Dutch oil paintings — stars in the new fall show house at the Washington Design Center (300 D St. SW; Dcdesigncenter.com), opening today. Local interior design stars outfitted eight spaces, ranging from an "Are we in Paris?" living room, shown, to a bright, born-in-the-U.S.A. kitchen with brightly patterned walls and vintage radios on display.

## Passing the Gallic Bred

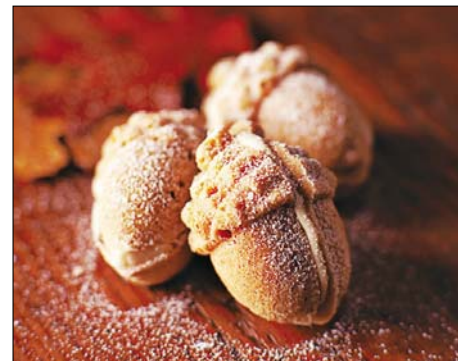
**IKKS' BREEZY, EASY** dresses and separates hail from France, which explains the casual, "I'm-chic-but-not-trying-too-hard" mood of pieces such as a silk peasant dress in a gray and turquoise floral (\$285) and a boho cotton print blouse (shown, \$150) just off the jet at Proper Topper (1350 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-842-3055 and 3213 P St. NW; 202-333-6200). Paired with a casually tossed-on scarf and some attitude, they might get you mistaken for Audrey Tautou.



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## Delicious We Fall

**SQUIRRELS HOARD ACORNS**, and your guests may be tempted to do the same thing with the miniature cakes and breads you'll pop out of the Acorn Cakelet Pan (\$36, Williams Sonoma), which holds 18 nonstick mini-molds. After an exhausting day of leaf peeping, you can warm up with a bite-size baked good that's seasonally appropriate and requires absolutely no decoration — a sprinkle of sugar does it all.



## dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBLOGGER

**One of my friends is getting married for the second time in October, in what she says will be a "simple wedding" of "only 100 guests." I'm a bridesmaid. The dress (a pumpkin shade) is especially unflattering. The good news is we can buy our own shoes. Help!** — MARIE

■ Manolo says, it is the old story, your best friend is getting married for the more-than first time, and you are supposed to be the brides-



maid (again!), only the dress the bride has chosen for you is unsightly. But you are the good friend, and so you button up your tongue and hold your lips, expressing your discomfort through the passive-aggressive use of quotation marks (including those which you make by wiggling your fingers in the air) and by talking smack behind everyone's back.

Ayyy! The Manolo suggests that you remember that this is your friend's big day, and that your cheery and supportive demeanor or lack of air quotes are the greatest gifts you can give to her. Besides, you can soothe the pain with beautiful shoes, such as these sandals, the Tantalize from Stuart Weitzman (\$315, Zappos.com).

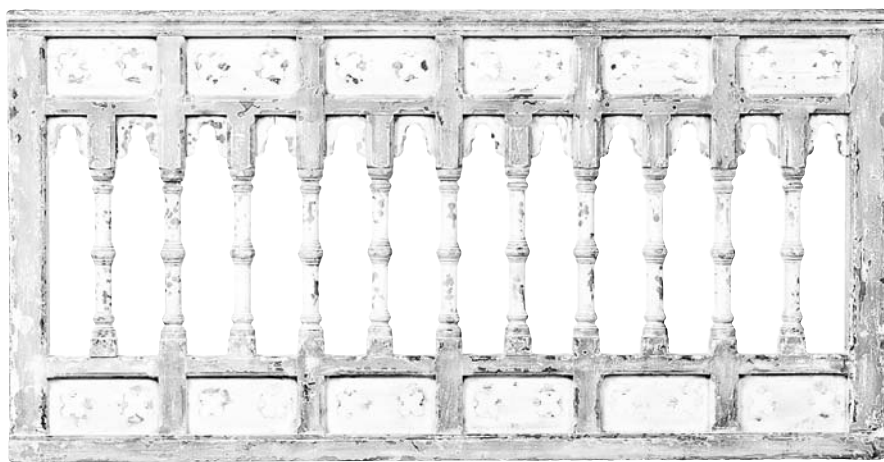
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## ON THE COVER

Alice + Olivia for Payless patent leather peep-toe boots (\$48, Payless.com) **vamp it up on a cowhide rug** (\$450, Homebody, 715 8th St. SE; 202-544-8445). **Photo by Marge Ely.**



# Styles | home



**FOR BOLLYWOOD NIGHTS** (or just afternoon naps at your Logan pad), a painted wooden headboard (\$850; Wisteria.com) inspired by railing carvings from an Indian palace looks stylish with all-white linens or a quilt sewn from antique sari patches. (To score the latter, try Novahaat.com.)

## Headboards, Scored

Elaborate canopies and four-poster beds have their place — like, maybe in boudoirs at Versailles or Mount Vernon. The more mod way to make your bed is with a space-saving, wall-festooning headboard. Blame boutique hotels for the resurgence of the padded, carved or woven wonders. Any of them would add loads of style to a space without eating up an entire room. “If you use a headboard, it’s a focal point, almost like a bookcase or fireplace,” says Daren Miller, owner of Adams Morgan decor den And Beige. “The bed is the biggest piece of furniture in the room — you want it to have a nice backdrop.” **JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)**



### BEACH BLANKET LINGO

Woven banana-leaf fibers lend West Elm's blocky style (\$329-\$449; Westelm.com) a Key West B&B vibe. Attach it to a frame piled with big pillows, and you can lounge for hours while reading Hemingway or slurping pina colodas.



### CHANGE ARTISTRY

It's easy to create a headboard with plywood, batting and fabric. But this cutie (sort of like a bulletin board with interchangeable slipcovers) achieves a similar look with less sweat (headboard \$350-\$400; slipcovers \$50-\$90; Pbteen.com).



### HIGH AND MIGHTY STYLISH

Wood-framed upholstery in a choice of fabrics gives Suzanne Kasler for Hickory Chair's tall bed-backers (starting at \$4,680, And Beige, 1781 Florida Ave. NW; 202-234-1557) a trad-yet-glam vibe. Also plush: They boast super-cushy padding.

### NOT-SO-HEAVY METAL

Industrial-cool steel and textured, chrome-plated metal add up to a city-pretty bed (\$59 twin, \$79 double; Jcpenney.com) fit for a loft. You can also play against type by dressing this baby in bright, femme linens for a bold bedroom.

# beauty | Styles

## Buzz-Worthy Tips

A beauty whiz on hot fall colors, SPF mania and frugal fashions

As style editor of NBC's "Today" and author of In Touch Magazine's The Buzz column, Bobbie Thomas dispenses advice to millions of women with a big sisterly touch. While in D.C., recently, Thomas made time for a one-on-one to dish about her tried-and-true skin care rules, drugstore bargains and why she thinks we all have something to learn from Rihanna.

### What is your first rule of skin care?

It's really important to exfoliate every day. If your skin is fresh and new, you're going to receive better benefits from a cellulite-bust firming cream, for example. If you want something that's really nourishing, like a body oil, frankly, three of the best moisturizers on the market are still the old-fashioned ones: cocoa butter, petroleum jelly and mineral oil.



### What do you think about the trend of bold makeup colors?

If you're 19 years old and you want to go dancing in a dark club, it's fun. But if you're going to work, it's not practical. What I suggest is taking inspiration. Rim the inside of your eye with a little bit of blue eyeliner, on someone with brown eyes, like Rhianna — and she does this. And it's gorgeous, right? Rhianna incorporates color in a cool way.

### How do we prep our skin for colder weather?

The biggest trick is switching to a gentler facial cleanser. One investment where you might splurge is a Clarisonic Skincare Brush [\$175]. Also, look for products with hyaluronic acid. It's in a lot of drug store brands including Neutrogena's Light Night Cream [\$11]. Cancer rates have never been scarier. After you apply SPF in the morning, remember to reapply. I can't convince any woman to mess



COURTESY BOBBIE THOMAS

Bobbie Thomas knows a thing or two about decking out your epidermis.

up her makeup with a greasy sunblock. That's what mineral SPF is for. If you're a woman of color, try Peter Thomas Roth's Instant Mineral SPF 30 (\$30) — it's translucent. Sunforgettable bronzers (\$50) by Color Science have SPF. I'm going to preach about SPF until the end of time.

### What's your favorite fall look?

I think we all have to get excited about the fact that being frugal is really stylish. We should question everything we buy; it should be worth its money, it should go the distance. There are so many designers out there. I don't like when people get stuck on the label, you know, like "Marc Jacobs is hot" or "Vera Wang is hot." Whoever really takes your breath away, that's what's hot. You have to make sure your outside matches your inside. Style is a language we wear, so you really have to think about standing up straight and smiling when you walk into a room — which is a sign of confidence and power — being genuine with your female friend, being a great entertainer or host, being gracious, saying thank-you. Those are all stylish things that have nothing to do with the way you look. And that's a really big thing. EMILY BARTON (EXPRESS)



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## IN THE TOE

Think of N.Y.L.A.'s peep-toe booties (\$110, Shoefly, 2618 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-243-6490) as a stand-in for a pair of high-heeled pumps. Try 'em (with tights or without) with a minidress and a pair of wide-legged jeans.

## BLUEBERRY THRILL

Superheroine style goes super-fashionista on Jimmy Choo's subtly statement-making mid-calf style in deep indigo patent leather (\$999, Nordstrom, Tysons Corner Center, McLean; 703-761-1121). Try tucking skinny gray flannel pants into them.

## VIOLET PHASE

Patterned, solid-colored stockings would make Sergio Rossi's stiletto-heeled, grape patent leather darlings (\$1,260; Sergiorossi.com) pop in the most glamorous way. Their BFF? A black pencil skirt and a white blouse.

## THE BUCKLE STOPS HERE

Distressed leather and funky hardware give Miz Mooz's knee boots (\$218, Shoefly) a 1970s pirate vibe. Go all retro Faye Dunaway and pair them with a short camel coat. They'd also look swashbuckling with a flowered dress.



# FORCE

From shooties (bootie-shoe hybrids) to over-the-knee beauties fit for a pirate, boots have stomped into shops. This fall, they come in such a swathe of materials, hues and shapes, the cold snap may not last long enough for you to wear every pair you score. Still, “boots have become more about fashion than function,” says Tiffany Cole of Saks Fifth Avenue at Tysons Galleria. So, it’s OK to don them even on Indian summer days. **ASHLEY JOY PARKER**



## GREEN SCENE

Moss-colored leather Jeffrey Campbells (\$185; Shoefly) prove that black isn't the only neutral around. Pair them with black, brown, camel or black. And their loose cut means you can tuck pants into them easily.

## HAUTE TO TROT

Wall Street goes Virginia horse country via Mui Mui's tall leather and gray flannel riding boots (\$990; Nordstrom). They could cozy up to a menswear blazer and a black newsboy cap. The lace-up detail adds extra oomph.

## HIGHLAND GRAB

What to wear to the coolest club in Glasgow (or on H Street)? L.A.M.B.'s mad-plaid booties (\$475, Nordstrom) with nearly 5-inch heels. The school girl-meets-rock-star combo ramps up the glamour of a pencil skirt.

## SHADING LADY

Ombre—a dip-dye effect that fades from one shade to another — spices up Prada's sleek riding boot (\$1,250, Saks Fifth Avenue, Tysons Galleria, McLean 703-761-0700). Combine them with an oversized sweater and black leggings for Middleburg chic.



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## BOOKS

### Beachy Sheen

■ We've always wanted to summer off of Cape Cod, but little things — a lack of a hedge-fund manager salary, fear of Nantucket red pants — kept us hanging by the fries stand in Ocean City. Still, a girl can dream by looking at photos of decked-out homes in **NANTUCKET ISLAND LIVING** (\$40, Stewart, Tabori & Chang). Sure, the posh interiors lean toward prep-py (this is New England, Muffy!), but a red wall plastered with sailboat paintings and a historic cottage filled with contemporary art provide inspiration for anyone. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

## BOOKS

### Home on the Couch

■ Does your apartment need a shrink? Artist and "creativity coach" (yep, that's real a job) Jill Butler thinks so, and in **CREATE THE SPACE YOU DESERVE** (\$25, Globe Pequot), she combines decorating tips and strange watercolor paintings of kittens. Really? Though the tome does offer some interesting ideas — a winding, Zen-like garden path from pebbles, a ladder repurposed as a jewelry stand — it's all a little too cute and Oprah-ish. TAMAR HALLERMAN (EXPRESS)

 **event horizon**

Concrete sculpture, enameled jewelry and, um, hand-carved wooden mustaches on sticks are among the hip handmade wares for sale at Crafty Bastards. Sept. 28, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Marie Reed Learning Center, 18th Street and Wyoming Avenue NW; Washingtoncitypaper.com/craftybastards.

# Unscramble a Shambles

An organizing expert shares how to restore order to chaos

A closet jammed with Gap tees. A PDA packed with commitments. A desk drowning in papers. Everyone has areas of their pad (or life) where they slob out.

Clean-up-your-act queen Julie Morgenstern will be at the National Book Festival on Sept. 27 discussing her book, "When Organizing Isn't Enough: SHED Your Stuff, Change Your Life" (\$24, Fireside). We chatted with her about purging everything from old shoes to too many after-work drink dates.

BETH LUBERECKI



**What is it about stuff? Why do we gather so much of it?**

Each of us has stuff that anchors us, and that quantity varies from person to person. Some people need a ton of stuff to feel grounded and anchored; they feel better when they're surrounded. There are other people where much less anchors them, but there's an amount.

**Define clutter.**

Anything obsolete that's taking up space or time in your life that doesn't fuel you or energize you or move you forward.

**Why is it so hard to let go of things?**

We get attached to the very quantity of stuff we own, regardless of the value of individual items. We feel like we're disoriented if we have less.

**Does everyone have some kind of clutter in their lives?**

Absolutely. Our lives change. We're constantly evolving. What's relevant today could so easily be not relevant in a few months or weeks. When



**TAKE A MESS TEST:** If you can't find anything in your closet, it's time to declutter.

things change, we don't necessarily stop in that moment to dump things that aren't relevant anymore.

**Do people have a harder time getting rid of things in a bad economy?**

I think the opposite is true. With the economy being bad, people want to get rid of the waste and clutter in their lives so they can get to what is most important and function better. They want to learn to live with less and have access to what is really important. It's a catalyst and a motivation for people to get down to their essentials.

**How can being disorganized negatively affect you?**

Being disorganized really keeps you from achieving your goals. You can't move quickly; you're stuck looking for your keys or looking for your checkbook. Being disorganized costs you a lot of time, a lot of stress and, actually, a lot of money. When you can't find what you need, very often you get another one.

Being overwhelmed by clutter makes people feel very depressed. They feel defeated, like they can't move forward. They can't think. They're not energized.

**You'll be traveling to D.C. for the National Book Festival. Have any good packing tips?**

I pack by outfit, and it just works.

Then you're not packing a wardrobe where you can have options and have to put things together and decide. You end up needing to pack way more than. Once I'm on a trip, I don't want to have the stress of "What am I going to

"Being overwhelmed by clutter makes people feel depressed."

wear?" I love having that thought through ahead of time. It saves a lot of time on the ground.

**Do I really need that huge purse or that fancy cell phone I see on TV or in a magazine? Won't they clutter up my life?**

Anything you buy, you need to ask: What am I going to get rid of to make room for this? What is this replacing? Why do I need this? Do we need all the extras? Do we need all the bells and whistles? The answer is you probably don't, unless that bell or whistle makes you say, "I have been wishing for something like that, and someone finally came up with the answer." The need should drive the purchase rather than the purchase driving the need.

**Which celebrity seems to most need your services?**

Lindsay Lohan and Amy Winehouse, who seem to be stuck. They're clutching to some pretty big-time and habit clutter in their lives that is distracting them from making their greatest contribution and fully utilizing their talents and really having purely fulfilling days.

**Change is a big theme in this year's presidential election. What does the next president need to do to truly clean things up?**

The idea of theme is important. What's the next chapter of our lives as Americans? We need a new chapter, and it needs to be defined for us.

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# Parties for Packs in a Pinch

**I need a quick and easy crowd-pleasing dessert for an office party tomorrow. Any ideas for something tasty I can whip up tonight? Unfortunately, brownies and cookies are not an option, as others are bringing that.**

Sweet and salty nuts are always a crowd-pleaser. Or chocolate-covered strawberries — there is dipping chocolate available in the grocery stores now in the baking section made to harden to fruit. Bananas work great, too. If you have a freezer at work, you can dip a melon ball scoop of vanilla ice cream into the chocolate and make bon bons.

**I'm throwing an open house next weekend and am expecting as many as 50 people, including children. I'm not an experienced party-thriller by any means. Can you suggest some strategies and some dishes that can feed that many people and will be OK sitting on a table for several hours, since people will be coming and going at different times? I'm thinking chili (two versions, one veggie and one with meat) but something more interesting would be great! I'm starting to freak out.**

I agree with you that cooking for

50 is no easy feat (and I cook for large numbers every day). As we're starting to transition from outdoor grill weather to the indoor cooking season (roasting and stewing), your instincts on a large pot of chili sound good (set some corn bread on the side and garnishes for the chili, and you've got a heck of a party).

If you're worried about the chili overwhelming some of those young palettes, you could always tone things down with a farmers market vegetable stew. Think potatoes, green beans, tomatoes and corn (all of which are still good right now, though their season is waning) and add some fresh rosemary, garlic and Parmesan to serve as an aromatic base. A warm pasta or potato salad (tossed with any of those same vegetables above) would also do just fine held at room temperature for an hour or two.

If you do want to serve meat, a large roast can sit out for at least an hour without any concerns. I like stuffing a boneless turkey breast or pork roast with sauteed spinach, Parmesan, sun-dried tomatoes and bread crumbs and roasting. Let cool for 15 minutes, then thinly slice and let guests grab a slice or two and pair with a vegetable side and

some sliced fresh baguette. Dessert, of course, is going to be a lot easier since pies, cakes and cookies hold up just fine.

**Can you guys remind me how to estimate appetizer sizes for a crowd? We're having a party of 30 people or so and have promised heavy hors d'oeuvres along with birthday cake and ice cream. I want to do probably three hot appetizers and three cold.**

**Some crostini, maybe prosciutto with melon, bacon-wrapped dates and crab dip. Just need to figure out my quantities to be plentiful but not outrageously over the top.**

I'm delving deep into my memory on this one. But I think what I remember learning in cooking school is that it's not only about the number of people but the length of the party. So about four or five canapes per hour multiplied by the number of people. (Though you can probably assume they will eat less as the party goes on.)

So, if it's a two-hour party (before cake), you need about 150 hors d'oeuvres or 25 of each you are making.



The staff of the Washington Post Food section goes Free Range on Food every Wednesday at 1 p.m. at [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://washingtonpost.com/liveonline). Catch up on recipes, cooking trends and more.

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John Heffron, a native of Michigan, made some tough sacrifices for his career, but by skipping a few night classes eventually made it to sunny California. He has now appeared on NBC's "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," and "The Late Late Show." He also shot the pilot for "Last Comic Standing," and got the lead in the VH-1 sitcom "Smash," a creation of Gene Simmons. John performed on NBC's "Late Friday" and Comedy Central's "Premium Blend." He filmed his own special for Comedy Central and is working on a pilot for his own show.

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# Styles | fashion



## Hides to Go Seek

**Marlon Brando** wore one in "The Wild One." James Dean's rebel without a cause perfected his slouch in one. The black leather motorcycle jacket, with its sharp collar and zippers, is associated with bad boys and motorcycle gangs. But it's showing its softer side this fall.

The key is the slim silhouette. The waist-length cut keeps it authentic, but the body and shoulders are narrower, taking away the boxiness and making for a more flattering fit. You can't go wrong with black leather; it's classic, goes with everything and suits fall's mood.

It might seem heavy, but take a cue from the ballerina-meets-Hells Angels way that celebrities such as Anne Hathaway and Rachel Bilson have been wearing these jackets, and you can make a masculine piece feel flirty.

Mixing a leather jacket with a chiffon dress or airy blouse and

**(1) GAP'S LEATHER PEACOCK** (\$298) comes in a subtle dove gray, the better to pair with a violet silk blouse or tweed pants.

**(2) H&M'S FAUX LEATHER** number (\$44.90) boasts trad bomber styling like knit cuffs and flyboy pockets.

**(3) GROOVY GIRL:** Mike and Chris' feminine, Age of Aquarius-inspired topper (\$900) rocks in a lovely moss green hide.

**(4) CROP TOP:** Vince's zippered, bracelet-sleeve style (\$725) layers over tees, blouses and maybe a thin cashmere sweater.

skinny jeans is a fresh way to wear leather. Justin Timberlake's line of trendy street wear, William Rast, has a classic-looking motorcycle jacket in black leather (\$528). Epaulets add texture to the otherwise slick piece. For a similar look without the steep price, H&M has a cropped, faux leather bomber for \$44.90.

When pairing a leather jacket with a skirt or dress, it's best to stick to solid colors. Unless you want to try a floral baby-doll dress with a black motorcycle jacket, which looks '90s grunge — in a good way.

If a black motorcycle jacket is too hard-core for your taste, Gap has a cropped leather peacoat in a softer shade of dove gray (\$298) that can be worn with tweed trousers or a dark trouser jean.

Whether it's the classic black leather motorcycle style or a more toned-down version, let the jacket be the focal point and make everything else soft and subtle. MELISSA MAGSAYSAY (LOS ANGELES TIMES)



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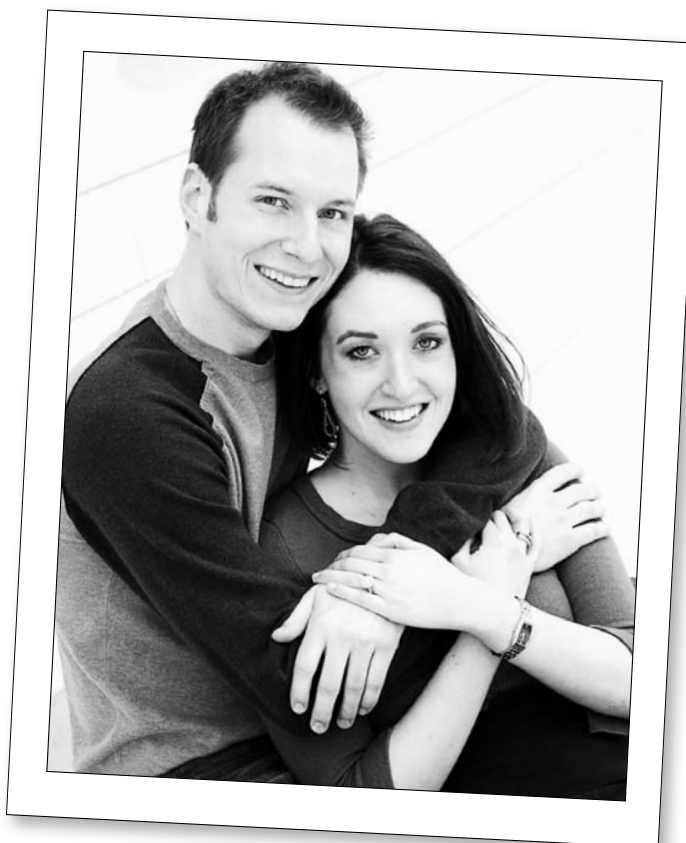
## Natalie Figueroa, Carlos Gonzaga

Natalie, 24, is an account executive. Carlos, 28, is a mortgage consultant. They live in Rockville.

- **The Main Event:** A semiformal ceremony and reception in Gaithersburg on Sept. 26.
- **How They Met:** They were servers at Slade's Grill in Montgomery Mall.
- **First Impressions:** "He was cheesy but cute." "She was hot!"
- **First Date:** At a bar in College Park with a few co-workers. "We ended up staying up the whole night talking about our lives and laughing," says Natalie.

- **How He Proposed:** On the way to dinner at L'Auberge Chez Francois in Great Falls, Carlos' plans were nearly foiled. "I hired a driver to pick us up and take us there," he says. "When we got there, he congratulated Natalie. I thought I was busted." Luckily, Natalie "just assumed it was a random comment." So, when Carlos brought her to an outdoor gazebo after their meal and dropped to one knee, she was still surprised. "I freaked and jumped on him!"
- **Pet Names:** "There are too many to list," says Natalie. "It started out as Pugs, then Pugsley, C-Boog, C-Los and Cahlo."
- **When He Knew:** "The summer we started dating, we had gone down to the beach together. ... On our way home, she fell asleep in the car. I remember looking over at her and thinking she was the most beautiful person I had ever seen."

"I knew from our first kiss that I wanted to be with him forever."



## A Love Since Childhood

Moms always dream their daughters will marry the boy next door. KATIE LANDI's mom has to settle for the guy across the street. Upon spying BRAD JORDAN playing basketball the day her family moved to the neighborhood in 1994, the 10-year-old coyly caught his attention. "I grabbed my basketball and started bouncing it in our driveway so they would ask me to play." It worked. They became pals, but it wasn't until a decade later that their relationship turned amorous, when they caught an OAR show at Wolf Trap. "It started as a group of friends, but midway through the night, I realized I wanted to be, needed to be, more than friends," says Brad. Three and half years later at the National Gallery of Art's ice-skating rink, he took it a step further. "I pulled Katie to the center and told her she already had everything that meant something to me, and that I wanted her to have the only thing left — my last name." They'll wed Sept. 27 in Stafford, Va.

Brad, 26, is an IT project manager. Katie, 24, is a legislative aide. They live in Woodbridge. KRIS CORONADO (EXPRESS)



## Bradley Fredericks, Allison McDonald

Brad, 30, is a video producer. Allison, 27, is a property manager. They live in Arlington.

- **The Main Event:** A formal Christian garden ceremony followed by a ballroom reception in Fairfax on Oct. 4.
- **How They Met:** At the Angry Inch Saloon through a mutual pal.
- **First Impressions:** "I was drawn in by his smile, laugh and his dancing." "She was dressed to kill and a lot of fun."
- **First Date:** Dinner at Arlington's Il Radicchio, followed by a stop at Dr. Dremo's, "where he proceeded to beat me in pool."
- **How He Proposed:** Following dinner at Adams Morgan's Little Fountain Cafe ("It's where he first told me he loved me," says Allison), they returned to their apart-

"I was super-excited that the cute redhead was meeting us," recalls Allison.

ment. When she opened the door, she discovered six dozen roses, Chicago's "You're the Inspiration" playing in the background and Brad on one knee.

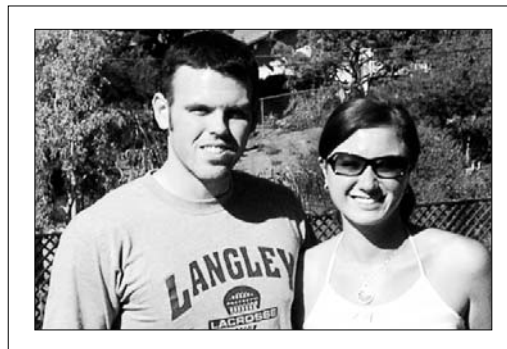
- **Their Song:** Lifehouse's "You and Me." "Brad learned to play it on the guitar. He serenaded me with it on a ski trip."
- **When He Knew:** After a year and a half. "I knew I wanted her by my side always. My grandfather had passed away a couple years earlier and had never met Allison. I proposed on his birthday. When she said yes, it felt as though he was giving his blessing."

## Brian Hannon, Melina Vissat

Brian, 28, is a financial analyst, and Melina, 27, is a marketing writer. They live in Arlington.

- **The Main Event:** A semiformal evening ceremony and reception in Haymarket, Va., on Oct. 11. Melina will walk down the aisle to an instrumental version of Celine Dion's "To Love You More," and a mutual friend will officiate.
- **Honeymoon:** St. Kitts, where they'll hike the Mount Liamuiga volcano.

- **How They Met:** "Match.com. I tried it for a month, and Brian was just about to end his membership."
- **First Impressions:** "I dug how he paired green and yellow Onitsuka sneakers with a nice button-down shirt." For Brian, it's two words: "Nice legs!"
- **First Date:** Sushi at Nooshi.
- **How He Proposed:** The night before Melina was to run the Cherry Blossom Ten



Mile Run, Brian stopped by her place to help her cook a pasta meal. "I was on my laptop, not paying attention to him and being frumpy. He had a packet of hot sauce

from Taco Bell that said, 'Will You Marry Me?,' on it. He said his roommates told him he should propose with it. I laughed. 'Yeah,' he said, 'I guess you would like something more like this.' He got on one knee with a gorgeous ring."

- **Stupidest Fight:** "We had a drunken rager about exes," says Melina. "It was annoying and stupid."
- **Pet Names:** Melina is Tinks, and Brian is Bri-Bri.
- **Making It Unique:** They wrote the entire ceremony themselves and plan to play DJ Shadow beats during dinner.
- **When He Knew:** "When I realized I had met my sarcastic match."

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# Back to Nursery Cool

## Parents raise kids in condos without sacrificing style or space for playtime

When Pamela Dean and her husband, Brian, bought their 623-square-foot, one-bedroom condo in Alexandria's Belle View complex, it was just the two of them. And then along came baby Evan. Since Dean is in graduate school for a Ph.D. in clinical psychology, and the family will likely be moving soon for her internship, they decided to stay put in their condo. So, they turned what was the dining room into a nursery for Evan, now 1, and did their best to make it an appealing space for both baby and parents.

To help the nursery blend in with the rest of the condo, they chose furniture in the same type of wood that they had elsewhere, and they painted one of the walls in a check-



**KIDDIE CORNER:** Kerri Beeker plays with her 1-year-old son, Cameron, in the den of their baby-proofed Penn Quarter condo.

erboard pattern with colors found in the living area, like dark brown, ocean blue and yellow.

"We made it into a baby's room, and it's clear that it's a baby's room, but it's not like it's got blue elephants or anything painted on the walls," says Dean, 30. "We get lots of compliments when people come in and see it."

Of course, the lack of a dining room means that the Deans typically end up eating on the couch. And getting Evan to sleep for the night involves starting him out in a pack-and-play (a portable crib that

**The low-maintenance lifestyle that comes with condos clears up more time for child's play.**

can be used as a crib or playpen) in the master bedroom and then moving him to his crib once Mom and Dad are ready to go to bed.

But even with those kinds of challenges, the Deans and other

## NURSERY MODERNE

## Bye, Bye, Baby Blahs

You may be into Eames, but your baby may be more enthralled by Elmo. How can you merge these two worlds? A number of companies help parents do just that, offering furnishings that are completely kid-friendly yet modern. So, now, the nursery can be a stylish room that blends in with the rest of the house. Think less "Sesame Street" and more M Street. "You don't have to have this plastic-y world if you don't want it," says Dana Evans, co-owner of Daisy Baby in Bethesda (4924 Del Ray Ave.; 301-654-7477).

→ **LESS IS MORE:** When it comes to choosing colors for a nursery, less can be more. "Pick one or two colors as the main palette, and then add in small hints of completely opposite colors through toys," says Lisa Masterson, founder of Avalisa (Avalisa.com), which sells modern wall art and rugs for kids and adults. "This can be done by adding in dolls with patterned retro clothing or by adding a statement pil-

low to the rocker."

→ **CONTEXTUALIZE:** A crib is, of course, a baby necessity, but modern options like the Oeuf Sparrow crib (\$690, Oeufnyc.com) are more streamlined than traditional cribs and often convert into toddler beds down the road. When it comes to other furniture pieces, like changing tables and gliders, think about what would fit in with the rest of your home — not just the baby's room. "You need a glider, but it should be more of a piece of furniture that works with your regular decor," says Evans. "The Luca glider by Monte Design Group (\$895, Montedesign.net) is petite and sleek-looking. It can fit in a corner and can go in a nursery or bedroom. For the changing table, I would get more creative, like maybe use a dresser and put a changing pad on top."

→ **CUSTOMIZE:** For fabrics and wall decor, parents now have choices that go beyond cheery ducks, cuddly teddy bears or dainty ballerinas. "We do a lot of custom fabrics," says Evans. "Take what's already in the room and get



**ROOM TO GROW:** The Oeuf Sparrow crib, center, is a sleek take on the traditional crib and can be converted into a toddler bed.

stuff to match to it. There are a wealth of fabrics you can choose from, and it doesn't have to be overly 'baby.' It can have more of an individual flavor." For ready-made choices, she suggests companies such as DwellStudio (Dwellshop.com) and Serena & Lily

(Serenaandlily.com).

→ **BALANCE:** For Masterson, the modern nursery is all about creating a sense of balance. "If the crib and rocker are very simple and streamlined, then include some other items in the room that have finer lines," she

says. "If the furniture and toys have a lot of hard angles, be sure to include some toys or art with movement. If you desire a calming atmosphere, be sure to choose mostly soft shapes and light colors mixed in with one or two of your favorite bolder pieces." BETH LUBERECKI



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parents like them have found lots of benefits to living in condos with their kids. Potential drawbacks such as a lack of storage space and communal walls tend to be outweighed by the low-maintenance lifestyle that comes with condo living, which clears up more time for swimming, soccer and other child's play.

"Times have certainly changed," says Dale E. Mattison of the Chevy Chase-based real estate firm the Mattison Group. Twenty years ago, he says, most families in search of a home probably wouldn't have thought about a condo. But today, Mattison has seen that, "people with kids are certainly considering condos just as much as they used to consider a house."

Because lots of condos tend to be found in downtown areas, living in one can put families within walking distance of shops, restaurants and cultural hot spots — something that might not be possible in a single-family house in the suburbs.

"I love living in a condo; we walk everywhere and just get in

**“My mom says it’s like we live in a submarine, because everything has to have a place.”**

**CHARLOTTE DUGAN, ALEXANDRIA MOM AND CONDO OWNER**

the stroller and go,” says Molly Kaiman, 38, who lives in a three-bedroom unit at the Harbor Trace Condominiums in north Old Town Alexandria with her husband, Pete, 42, daughter Makena, 2, and son Dylan, 7 months. “We go into D.C. every week; my daughter knows the difference between the Jefferson Memorial and the Lincoln Memorial. If we lived in a house in the suburbs, I don’t think that would be the case.”

Since most condos don’t have the yards single-family homes do, proximity to playgrounds and

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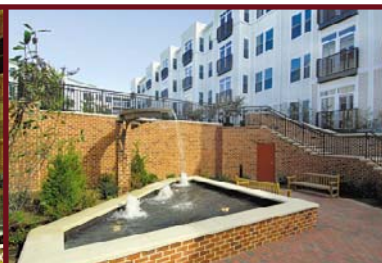
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other green spaces is a big plus for families, giving the kids a place to burn off some energy and get outside. "We live right across from the Mount Vernon Trail," says Dean. "I think of it as being a huge backyard." A swimming pool is another perk condo-dwelling families often enjoy.

Of course, kids can sometimes get rambunctious indoors, too, so covering the floors with carpeting or area rugs can help muffle some of their noise and keep the neighbors happy. Little tykes are also known to cry, throw their toys and cause other kinds of pint-size mayhem at times, but neither Dean nor Kaiman has ever had any big issues with noise, whether coming from their



**PINT-SIZE PERSPECTIVE:** Cameron Beeker explores his condo, which his parents baby-proofed while keeping their own style.

kids or other units. "Evan does like to take his toys and bang on them," says Dean. "But we've talked to our neighbors, and they've never said it's an issue."

**Once you reproduced, it seemed, your decor had to scream, 'There's a baby in the house!'**

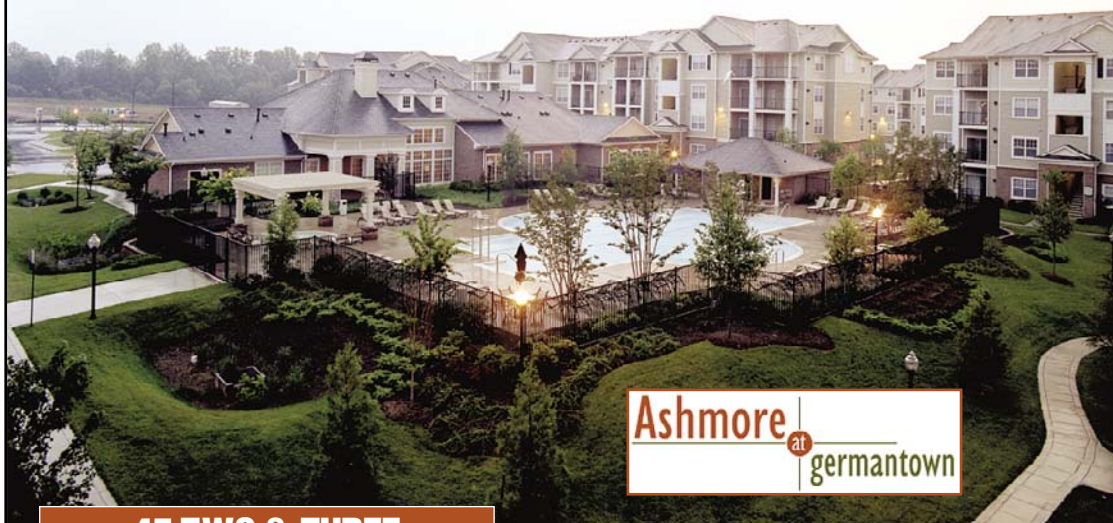
When space is tight, finding a place to store all the Barbie dolls, toy cars, stuffed animals and sippy cups kids bring into the house could

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Cameron Beeker, 1, plays in the kitchen of his parents' contemporary condo.

## Nursery Cool

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be enough to make any mom or dad have a temper tantrum. But clever thinking and smart storage solutions can help bring order to all of the chaos.

"My mom says it's like we live in a submarine, because everything has to have a place or else we don't keep it," says Charlotte Dugan, 37, who lives in a two-bedroom condo at the Old Town Greens complex in Alexandria with her husband, Darryl, 41; daughter, Casey, 5; and son, Cole, 2.

At the Dugan household, DVDs are removed from their packages and placed in thinner cases so they take up less space. Markers are stored in one large plastic bag. Even the adults do their part to cut down on clutter. "We have a rule: no knickknacks," says Dugan. "And all of our pictures have to hang on the wall — no frames on the tables."

Items that do double or triple duty also help maximize the functionality of smaller spaces. Take the Sleepi crib by Stokke (\$1,000, Stokkeusa.com), for example. It starts out small, as a mini-bassinet, and then grows with the baby into a crib and bed. The Studio crib by Nurseryworks (\$2,100, Nurseryworks.net) is a crib-changing table combo that later morphs into a toddler bed and desk. "It's a piece that functions well in small spaces," says Traci Fleming, the company's co-founder. "You don't need a separate changing table, and later, you don't have an unused changing table. It actually has a function."

It turns out that baby-proofing a condo with a traditional floor plan — like in the Dugan, Dean, and Kaiman residences — isn't very different from baby-proofing a single-family house. With distinct separations between rooms, it's easy to put up baby gates that keep the little ones out of certain areas.

Things get a little trickier in



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**PAMELA DEAN, ALEXANDRIA MOM AND CONDO OWNER**

service. “That’s where people need to be creative.” In those cases, she suggests installing freestanding indoor play yards, which help corral the kiddos and keep them away from off-limits areas.

A lot of the region’s new loft-style condos feature very sleek and modern interiors, and until fairly recently, folks who were fans of this design aesthetic didn’t have many choices when it came to baby gear. Options were often limited to bright primary colors or soft pastels and tended to be emblazoned with things like farm animals or jungle creatures. Once you reproduced, it seemed, your decor had to scream: “There’s a baby in the house!”

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loft-style condos, though, which are popping up all over the D.C. area. “If you’re living in a really open space, it makes it a lot more challenging to gate off areas,” says Kimberly Shore Levin, owner of Nursery Know-It-All, a D.C.-area baby concierge and consulting

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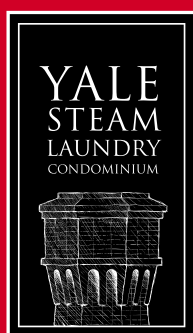
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"I think that there was this mind-set that the nursery needed to be decorated and designed differently than other rooms in the house because it was for a sweet baby," says Fleming. "Unfortunately, parents didn't have any choices."

But these days, there are a slew of products that are safe and comfortable for babies, yet modern and chic enough for even the most style-conscious parents. "We didn't have to sacrifice on the design aesthetic [of our condo], even when all the baby stuff came in," says Giles Beeker, 48, who lives in a two-bedroom unit at the Ventana building in Penn Quarter with his wife, Kerri, 30, and their 1-year-old son, Cameron, whose room is done up in a vintage train theme.

Companies such as Nurseryworks, Stokke, Oeuf and Netto Collection make cribs, changing tables, gliders, high chairs and

other baby gear that would look right at home in even the hippest pads. And the trend has spread to mass-market retailers such as J.C. Penney, which have begun offering baby furnishings with a more contemporary feel.

For the Beekers, the Space Age-esque Flair high chair by Boon (\$230, Booninc.com) was a natural fit for their loft-style space. "It's very trendy and modern looking, and it blends in pretty well with the look and feel of our kitchen," says Kerri Beeker.

"Parents have realized that if they have a modern or contemporary sensibility for their home, they don't have to have that one room stand out and be different," says Fleming. "They can infuse their design sensibility into every room in the house."

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**DISPUTED DECORATION:** Lindsay Major Ringgold fought her condo association for permission to display an American flag outside of her condo in ElkrIDGE, Md.

## Rules That Hit Home

### Condo bylaws can help guard owners' investments — or cause frustration

When new condo owners Ranjan and Nalini Kapadia took up residence in their Del Ray condo, they remained unaware of one snag in the independence of condo living: the bylaws — also known as “condo rules.”

To celebrate their freedom from the tyranny of lawns to mow and homes to maintain, the new owners threw a condo-warming party. In return, they received a letter from their condo association issuing them a \$250 fine. Their crimes? Excessive noise (\$25), noncompliant decora-

tions (\$25), smoking in restricted areas (\$25), having glass in the pool area (\$100) and violating the visitor parking policy (\$75).

“It was not a nice way to say, ‘Welcome to the neighborhood,’” says Nalini Kapadia, a 65-year-old retired doctor. “We are not some young kids [who’ve] come to trash the place.” But Kapadia admits that she and her husband, Ranjan, 69, a retired physician, had not considered the restrictions of condo life when downsizing from a single-family home.

“We hadn’t done our homework and hadn’t asked about condominium rules,” she says. “Our real estate agent should have given us a copy [of the condo documents] prior to closing, but she didn’t.”

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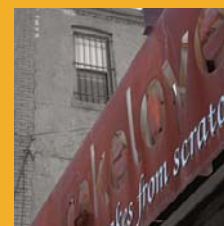
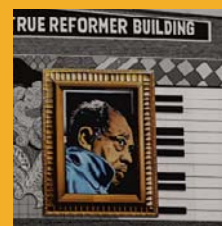
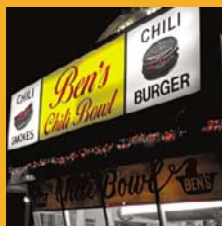
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## Residential Rules

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Is the Kapadias' experience typical? Unfortunately, yes, says Gina Angstrom, an independent real estate agent based in Washington, D.C. New condo owners often don't realize that they're signing on to potentially restrictive rules when they close. "Sometimes, they don't know until I give them the documents and tell them to look them over, in case they have questions," she says.

Condo rules in the D.C. area can vary from crazy to practical, but

**“Some rules are about maintaining the aesthetic dimension that's part of the concept of the building.”**

GINA ANGSTROM, REAL ESTATE AGENT

you can navigate them by being well-informed of your rights and responsibilities — and standing up for yourself, if necessary.

In Angstrom's experience, few prospective owners have been deterred by the rules they find, since many of them are “about basic courtesies that neighbors living in close quarters should offer each other,” she says. After all, condo rules are designed to protect owners — not to limit the number of parties you can throw or the music you can play.

Of course, some bylaws are less than welcome. Condo rules might require owners to hold certain thresholds of condo insurance, protecting everything inside the walls, including personal belongings. Generally, they're meant to preserve real estate values for all owners. But not all rules are governed by such logic. “Some rules are about maintaining the aesthetic dimension that's part of the concept of the building,” Angstrom says.

Jonathan Adler of Bethesda encountered conflict with his condo association when his design preferences clashed with the overall scheme of his building. Adler, 32, placed two white plastic chairs on his patio and was issued a \$25 fine for each day he refused to remove



**BYLAW-ABIDING CITIZEN:** Navdeep Kathuria says she is generally satisfied with her north Arlington condo association's rules — even though she violated them once.

the pieces. “The building's ethos is sophisticated and ultra-modern,” Adler, a lawyer, says. “Plastic chairs from CVS don't exactly fit.”

In fact, Adler's condo association's rules specify that synthetic materials may not be displayed on patios or balconies, even though the spaces belong to the owners. “I asked if this was some sort of fire hazard,” Adler adds. “But the president of the board told me that my chairs were tacky and invoked the ‘No Synthetics’ bylaw to force me to remove them. So, if I want to buy new outdoor furniture, I have to make sure it isn't ‘synthetic.’ But what isn't synthetic these days?”

Adler removed the chairs, but he was not too happy about it. “I [had] just bought a new condo,” he says. “I am not ready to splash out on non-tacky, non-synthetic outdoor furniture — or ask for the board's approval before I purchase

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**Worried that your dream condo will come complete with a nightmare set of bylaws? It's easier than you might think to avoid fines from your condo association the next time you throw a fancy fete or put out the plastic patio furniture your mother-in-law gave you.**

→ **READ UP:** Be sure to carefully read the condo documents before signing on the dotted line, says Washington, D.C.-based real estate lawyer Laura Jones. “It's never a good idea to assume that you will be fine with all the rules — and you never know what you're going to find or what might bother you,” Jones says. “You might learn that you could have any pets except fish. Or that anyone can come lie down on your patio because it's a common element. You'll never know until you see what's prohibited.”

→ **REACH OUT:** Jones suggests that owners with any concerns about the constitutionality or legality about condo bylaws contact a real estate lawyer.

→ **AND IF YOU CAN'T BEAT 'EM ...:** But what if you've only recently realized your condo association has a ridiculous rule about wall hangings? There's still hope, Jones says. Her tip: “Generally, condominium association board terms are only a year. Try and get on the board or attend board meetings and draw attention to your concerns. And if this year's board isn't biting, try again next year.” ROOPIKA RISAM

it. I just sit on the ground.”

Although Adler's frustration is palpable, D.C.-based real estate lawyer Laura Jones confirms that condos are well within their rights to enforce such rules.

“Condo rules can't violate individuals' civil liberties, the Fair Housing Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Equal Credit Opportunity Act or state and local laws,” Jones says. (The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in the sale or rental of housing based on race, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin. The Americans with Disabilities Act mandates proper accommodations for people with disabilities. The Equal Credit Opportunity Act bans discrimination on credit applications based on the same categories as the Fair Housing Act.)

Jones notes that although it is



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unlikely that condo developers or boards will attempt to circumvent the Fair Housing Act, there have been some notable cases in which the laws have appeared murky. This includes the now-infamous case of Henry E. Ingram Jr., who sold his New River, S.C., plantation to developers in 1998 but included several restrictive covenants for the property that was burned by Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman's troops during the Civil War. Among them: The condos cannot be sold to people with the last name Sherman, anyone whose last names contain letters that might be rearranged to spell Sherman, or Yankees (in his definition, anyone who has lived north of the Mason-Dixon line for a year or was born north of it). Yankees might purchase condos, however, by taking a loyalty oath to the South and whistling "Dixie."

Despite these extreme restrictions, Ingram can make his demands legally. According to Jones, "'Yankee' isn't a protected category — geography is not protected by the Fair Housing Act." Fortunately, stories like Ingram's are rare, Jones says.

As Lindsay Major Ringgold can attest, however, condo rules can cause owners emotional distress. Ringgold, 29, an analyst for Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, received a letter from her condo association at Rockburn Commons III in Elkridge, Md., on Aug. 11, 2008, requesting that she remove the American flag mounted on the support beams outside her condo unit. Ringgold has displayed the flag since August 2006, when she and her husband put up the flag together, before her husband deployed to Iraq with the Army.

Despite its now-controversial status at her condo, Ringgold's flag is of great comfort to her. "[My husband] has been gone for about six months, and it's our first deployment. ... When I return home from work, ... when I sit out on my patio, ... it is nice to be able to look at the flag, because it makes me think of my husband and everyone in Iraq and Afghanistan fighting. It's a part of our home now," she says.

When Ringgold and her husband were purchasing their condo, they received and read a copy of the bylaws, but Ringgold says that they were "not written in plain English, and there were so many of them."

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**HOME WORK:** Be sure to review condo association rules before closing on a home.

### Residential Rules

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Because none of her neighbors had complained about Ringgold's flag, she was frustrated with the letter demanding that she remove it.

"With them knowing my husband is in Iraq — I go to every condo meeting, paid my fees a year ahead of time — they could have approached this in a better way," Ringgold says.

Ringgold says she is willing to work with the board to address their concerns that her flag poses a threat to the structural integrity of the building.

Since the letter, Ringgold has responded to the condo association's request with a letter that cited the Freedom to Display the American Flag Act, which guarantees that condominium associations may not restrict owners from displaying the United States flag on residential property.

She also recently received a note of support from an engineer who had heard about her story; he offered to install brackets so the flag would not be nailed directly into the post, and she took him up on it. Now, Ringgold's flag is compliant with the condo rules. But Ringgold and her husband, James, are still upset that she was asked to take it down.

"It's a symbol of America, and it shows patriotism," Ringgold says. "It's just like the apple pie."

Despite Ringgold's not-so-positive experience, plenty of condo owners are satisfied with the rules of their residences — espe-

cially those who took the time to read them carefully before closing. Navdeep Kathuria, 31, of Arlington is one such example. She says she adores her condo despite the minor inconvenience of its rules. Kathuria, who works for a software company and runs ABCD-lady.com, an online magazine for South Asian women, lives in her first condo, although she had purchased a townhouse prior to the condo. Before closing on the unit, Kathuria received a copy of the condo documents, and she read them carefully.

"The condo that I had previously rented ... had some rules that I thought were too strict," Kathuria says. "So, I wanted to make sure I knew what I was in for."

Despite her attention to the rules, Kathuria found herself in violation of them when she recently was asked to remove the mat in front of her door. "We're not supposed have anything outside of our property," she says. "I was a little annoyed by that, since I like to wipe my shoes on that before coming in. But it wasn't that big of a deal."

In general, Kathuria finds herself satisfied with her condo association. "They leave you alone just enough but come down on you for the important things," she says. "There are certain pluses about living in a condo that I love: having a trash chute, not having to worry about a lawn and having a gym just downstairs. The condo association is definitely a necessary organization. They are there to make sure my property value continues to rise."

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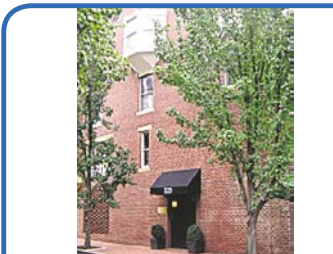
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**SUSTAINABLE SPOT:** Juliette Moore and her sons—Lorenzo, Markeith and Joshua—live in Anacostia's Galen Terrace, D.C.'s first green affordable housing complex.

# The Green D.C. Scene

## A new building law means affordable housing in the city will be eco-friendly

Green living in Washington often conjures up images of designer organic-clothing clad professionals who shop for locally grown produce at Whole Foods, feast on overpriced sustainable seafood at Hook and live in sleek luxury condos complete with solar-panel roofing. But Washington is trying to show that the green lifestyle isn't just for rich folks anymore. Starting next month, almost all new affordable housing developments will have to be constructed according to eco-friendly standards that meet requirements set by the Green Building Act of 2006.

"Making this a requirement has helped the District become a leader in the green building movement," says Tina McDaniel, spokeswoman for the affordable housing nonprofit Enterprise Community Partners. The Green Building Act requires developers to bring both residen-

tial and commercial buildings up to a newer, greener code. Residential buildings must meet standards set by the Green Communities certification system, and commercial buildings will need to meet LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) standards.

**Just last year, D.C. saw its first affordable housing project go green: Anacostia's Galen Terrace.**

It's a source of both good and bad news for low-income communities. Implementing sustainable building practices by increasing durability, improving insulation and installing energy-efficient appliances drastically cuts down on long-term costs. It often lowers residents' gas, electric and water bills — not to mention it contributes to the health of the planet. But those innovations

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Green Scene

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can also raise initial construction costs. Fortunately (for now, at least), local housing nonprofits are picking up the tab for the “greening” of the city’s newest affordable homes.

This support is making it possible for low-income Washingtonians to enjoy the state-of-the-art features that come with cutting-edge green design.

In Southeast D.C., the new green housing development Wheeler Terrace (1217 Valley Avenue SE) seeks to revitalize a neighborhood that’s been characterized over the years as a hot spot for crime. The Community Preservation and Development Corporation is redeveloping the property as a garden-apartment community. Wheeler Terrace will feature a green roof, high-efficiency white roofs, a geothermal heat pump, underground sand filters to recycle storm water, Energy Star kitchen appliances, a community urban garden and a gardening education program, among other amenities. Construction is slated to be completed by next summer.

Thanks to grants from local nonprofits, Wheeler Terrace will be the first affordable residential project to become LEED-certified and will be awarded the LEED Gold rating for its many eco-friendly features.

Wheeler Terrace is a great exam-

ple of how quickly the green building movement is taking off. Just last year, D.C. saw its first affordable housing project go green. In a transformation that made local history, Anacostia’s Galen Terrace (1649 O St. SE), went from broken-down Section 8 apartments to newly renovated, sustainable units.

Juliette Moore has been living

**The Green Building Act requires developers to bring buildings up to a newer, greener code.**

in Galen Terrace with her family for about 14 years. The 40-something homemaker says the one thing she’s noticed since her apartment was renovated is a reduction in her electric bill. “There’s been a great difference,” she said. “We ain’t gotta pay as much now.” It also seems that her monthly bill fluctuates a lot more than it used to — probably because eco-friendly lights and thermostats adapt to use. “It’s different prices [each month], based on what you use in your house,” she said.

This summer, another affordable



green development was unveiled by developer Manna Inc. in Mount Pleasant: the four-story Antonatl condo complex (3125 Mt. Pleasant St., NW). Antonatl's name — taken from a Salvadoran prince and hero who defeated Spanish conquistadors — has significance not only because Manna expects the majority of residents to be Salvadoran, but also because the non-profit developer hopes the building will serve as a “beachhead against displacement.”

Constructing Antonatl as a green condo complex — with features such as improved insulation, high-efficiency furnaces and low-flow toilets — would have been a pricey endeavor if it weren't for grants from affordable housing nonprofits, says Bob Lynch, the director of construction and design for Manna. Increased construction

**“There's going to be a redefinition of what it means to build in this city.”**

DAVID BOWERS,  
ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY PARTNERS

costs mean higher up-front costs for the home-buyer. Since Lynch works exclusively with first-time home-buyers earning low to moderate incomes, the initial cost is a serious concern.

“Of course [prospective homeowners], can get paid back on the back end,” he said, referring to reduced long-term costs of living. “But, if they don't have the money on the front end, what do they do? Then they can't buy a house.”

Fortunately, with more and more developers being forced to go green, construction costs are likely to drop, says David Bowers, director of Enterprise Community Partners' D.C. office. “There will be a market transformation that's going to happen pretty quickly here because of the [Green Building Act],” he said. “So, the up-front incremental costs should go away pretty quickly.”

That transformation, says Bowers, means only good things for the city. “There's going to be a re-definition of what it means to build in this city,” he said. “In commercial building and residential building, green is becoming standard rather than an option.” SUEMEDHA SOOD

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